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City Council approves water treatment plant bid

By ANN BRADY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

A bid for the water treatment plant was accepted by the City Council at its meeting Monday. The council accepted the bid executing a contract with David Ross Construction of Raytown, to construct the new water treatment plant. David Ross Construction plans to update the current pre-treatment system at the plant. The new system will speed up the pre-treatment process from eight hours to 15 minutes, said Gary Lee, engineer

from E.T. Archer Engineering out of Kansas City, Mo. This will increase the daily water output from 2.5 million to 5 million gallons daily. Lee said the new process has not been tried in Maryville, but it has been used in Cass County. David Ross Construction will be able to ask the county questions concerning the new water treatment process if help is needed. Matt Chesnut, interim city manager, said the entire project will cost \$4.9 million which is more than the city budgeted. However, the city can afford the

project because of contingency costs that have been saved since 1998. Chesnut said contingency costs will not raise the water rates because of the construction of the plant. The city may have to reassess the water rates after the plant is built, Chesnut said. In other council business, Bud Boyles, part owner of Boyles Motors, presented a petition signed by 1,700 residents who oppose trash municipalization as proposed by the city. Boyles said the petitioners think it is wrong for the

city to municipalize, sending seven businesses out of employment. "The haulers have been serving Maryville for 200 years," Boyles said. "Municipalization is not what people want." Boyles hopes the council considers the petition. The petition will be reviewed further by David Baird, prosecuting attorney.

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Regents president resigns

By ANN HARMAN
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Although he has enjoyed his time on the Board of Regents, the president thinks it is time to say goodbye. Bob Loch has decided not to seek reappointment after serving one six-year term. In 1995, he was appointed to the president's seat of the Board of Regents by former Gov. Mel Carnahan.



BOB LOCH
RESIGNING FROM
BOARD OF REGENTS

Loch thought it was an honor to be selected to serve the University, and he appreciates the time he was able to spend on the Board, but he believed a prompt resignation would be best to allow for new members to be appointed. "I feel a six-year term is an adequate time period for a person to be on the board," Loch said. "There are a lot of good people out there who are qualified to serve as Board of Regents members." To other board members, Loch's resignation as president came as a surprise. Student Regent Matt Hackett sees Loch as a businessman who set the tone and pace of the meetings. "He's going to be hard to replace because of his business experience," Hackett said. "He is very respected in

Northwest Missouri." Many positive things happened during Loch's term that he is proud of, including the University receiving the Missouri Quality Award and the completion of several renovation projects. He also had the opportunity to vote on continuing the implementation of the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing. "That has pleased me to see those young people given the opportunity to excel in math, computers, and science," Loch said. The Board of Regents meets six to eight times during the year, but there are other areas that require Loch's attention at this time. Loch co-operates Loch Sand and Construction with his brother, Bill, and son, Rob, which was started by their grandfather in 1937. "I felt it was time for me to spend more time with other things," Loch said. Loch may be finished as president, but it does not mean he will not be seen again. He will continue to run his Maryville business with his brother and son, and has no plans for retirement in the near future. However, he does plan to continue to be involved with the University. "I let president Hubbard know if there's anything I can do to help him or the University, he can call me," Loch said.

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Watching the one you want fall into the arms of another can create a disturbing picture. Flo and Millie Owens (Daria Kim and Sarah Rush) hold Alan Seymour (Shane Griffith Sandau) as he nearly loses control of his emotions. The action of the play takes place on Labor Day weekend in 1950 in Independence, Kan.

Mary Linn plays host to winter 'picnic'

Pulitzer Prize-winning play depicts wanderer, features student acting

By JIMMY MYERS
CHIEF REPORTER

Regardless of the fact there is a foot of snow on the ground, Northwest's theater department is putting on a picnic. Not the kind one might have on balmy summer afternoons, but the Pulitzer Prize-winning "Picnic," a play written by William Inge. The play is set in Independence, Kan., in the mid '50s. When Hal Carter, played by Kyle Rebert, comes through town, he opens unexpected feelings in the females in the town. "His presence makes everyone think about things differently," Rebert said. "They are awakened." Rebert said the cast is prepared for the performance. It had a trial run at the Maryville High School Wednesday and everything went without a hitch. "Even if somebody does forget something," Rebert said. "We all know the parts so well we can just pick up and cover each other." Dan Demott will direct a cast of 11 at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Mary Linn

Performing Arts Center. Other shows can be seen at the same time and place Friday and Saturday. A 2 p.m. performance is scheduled Sunday. "My greatest joy is working with these young professionals," Demott said. "They are turning out a spectacular performance. I am unbelievably pleased with their work." Daria Kim, playing the role of Flo Owens, said everyone in the cast has really connected with their characters. "She (Flo) is a mother of two girls," Kim said. "She's got a lot of regret but a lot of hope for her daughters' future. I think in this show more than others I can completely feel the character. I think I can say that for the cast too." Demott said this production of "Picnic" is going to be "equal to if not better than a lot of the encore performances." Reid Kirchhoff, who plays Howard Bevins, said the audience will enjoy the realism of the characters. "This play is about dreams," Kirchhoff said. "It's about dreams and hopes and how people strive for them and how they don't strive for them." The cast will be traveling to Missouri Western State College for a final performance Tuesday. Jimmy Myers can be contacted at 562-1224 or jmyers@missourianonline.com



PHOTO BY MELISSA GALITZ/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER Rosemary Sydney (Sage Kimbrough) thought she was destined to be lonely. Millie Owens (Sarah Rush) joins in as Rosemary exits to start a life anew after ideas of marriage overcome her.

Tuition increase approved

By SARA SITZMAN
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

The Board of Regents approved a tuition increase Feb. 22 for next year due in part to the state budget situation. The state budget determines how much money is given to higher education and will effect Northwest. There will be no increase in the state-appropriated funds, said Ray Courter, vice president of finance. The amount of money will be similar to the amount given last year. Northwest's budget for academic programs is around \$57 million and the state will be giving around \$32 million, Courter said. The balance is achieved through tuition and fees. "Every year they (the state) have been able to manage about a 2 to 3 percent increase in their piece and it's varied from year to year," Courter said. "So when that's not available to us and we still have to provide enough resources to fund all the various programs some things are going to rise in price." The increase for in-state undergraduates will be 8.11 percent, an in-

crease of \$9 that includes total tuition and fees per credit hour. For out-of-state undergraduates the increase will be 8.59 percent, or an increase of \$16 that includes total tuition and fees per credit hour. Next year, for an in-state undergraduate student to take two trimesters with 15 credit hours will be a cost increase of \$270 and for out-of-state undergraduates a \$480 increase. Northwest has increased tuition for the past 10 years. The 8.1 percent increase for next year is proportional to the 10-year increase average of 8.3 percent and is less than this year's 8.6 percent increase. Despite the increase in tuition, Northwest will remain centered between competitive universities in tuition costs. Courter said the state budget would pose many challenges. "We have to look how to get through this period of time that looks like some difficult budgetary time of about three to five years," Courter said.

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Entertainer creates illusions, reads audience's mind

By SARA SITZMAN
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

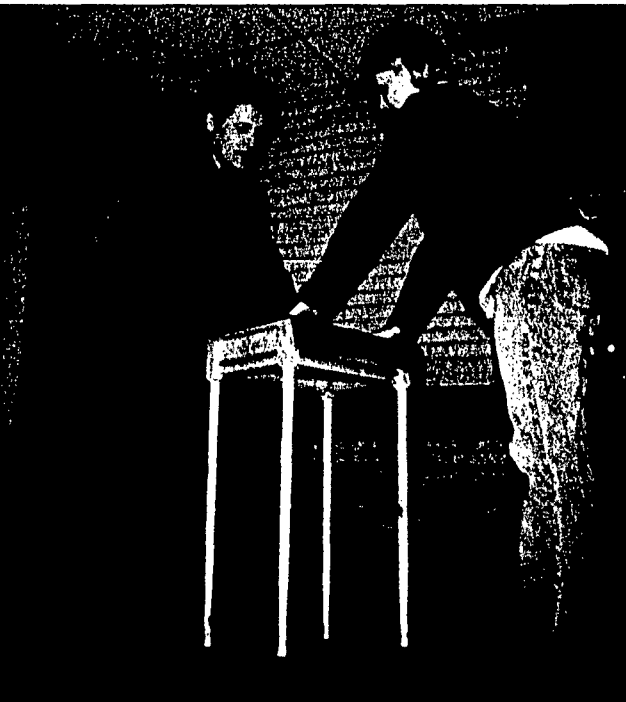


PHOTO BY MARK HORNICKEL/EDITOR IN CHIEF Illusionist Craig Karges and Melicia Smith, management information systems major, levitate and move a table around the stage while only touching the black cloth placed on the table.

An illusionist entertained about 50 students Wednesday night during a free performance at the Conference Center. Craig Karges awed the audience with his mind-reading abilities and telekinesis maneuvers. Karges' first demonstration involved a member of the audience choosing any word, from any page of a book. While the student thought of the word, Karges wrote the word "op-tometrist" on a dry-erase board. It was the same word. Next Karges was blindfolded with coins taped over his eyes and a black cloth over them. Senior Angela Martin went onstage with an object for Karges to guess about. Karges not only told her it was a glove, but a black, leather and right-handed glove. "I think he's really good," Martin said. "I was very surprised." Before the show the audience was asked to write down their name, personal information and a thought, and to keep the paper with them. Asking the audience to think of what they wrote, Karges was able to correctly tell Precious Tillman she was

thinking about the Hispanic American Leadership Organization and her birthday was Sept. 9, 1980. "That was so weird," Tillman said. "He didn't even know what HALO was and that it stood for something." With the help of a student, Karges lifted and moved a small wooden table around the stage without touching it. Four people from the audience created an imaginary car with each person contributing a detail. In the end the students created a black Lexus LS 400, with a license plate number of AB9315 and a cost of \$27,232.47. A fifth student was given a sealed envelope from Karges' pocket and was asked to read the contents. Inside was a paper Karges had written Wednesday morning while on an airplane that matched the exact description of the car with every detail to the cent. Karges has been entertaining people for about 20 years. He learned his skills from his uncle at the age of 14 and performs about 150 to 160 shows per year. "I don't really want to convince people," Karges said. "My only job is to entertain people and to get them thinking. I leave it up for the people to decide what's what."

Drag show raises funds

By JACLYN MAUCK
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Common Ground is bringing a different type of entertainment to Northwest in the name of charity. The second annual Dance and Drag Show will begin at 7 p.m., Saturday in the Student Union ballroom. For \$5, attendants will be able to dance and watch both local and professional drag kings and queens. The proceeds will go to Camp Quality in Northwest Missouri. Last year, the show raised \$700 and a personal contributor matched the money made allowing Common Ground to donate \$1,400. This year, they hope to surpass last year's total. Camp Quality is a camp for children ages 3-18 with cancer. The cost of sending one camper to camp for one week is approximately \$650. Through personal and business donations and fundraising, Camp Quality provides a week of recreation to campers free of charge. The Drag Show is one such fundraiser. Members of Common Ground voted to donate to Camp Quality for personal reasons, but collectively wanted to give to children.

"To change one life is really important," said Anne McCarthy, Common Ground vice president. "We wanted to keep the charity regional and stay within the community." McCarthy will perform in the show as Tom Fullery to the Beastie Boys' song "Girls." Another drag king is traveling from Denver to be in the show. The rest of the show will consist of three amateur and three professional drag queens. The professionals will travel from Kansas City, Mo., and have all competed in and won professional pageants. Because Common Ground keeps a minimal budget, Residence Hall Association and National Residence Hall Honorary are sponsoring the event. These organizations are providing funds for refreshments, lights and music. "The University gives us no funding, so it's hard to keep money around," McCarthy said. "It's important to reach out and serve the community. That's more important than making sure we have money in our pockets." Jaclyn Mauck can be contacted at 562-1224 or jmauck@missourianonline.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

■ CLEP, GED and MAT tests, 7:50 a.m., Wells Hall
 ■ Senior Science Olympiad, University Conference Center and Student Union
 ■ IM bowling, 6:30 p.m.
 ■ MOMFIT, 6:30 p.m., First Christian Church
 ■ Nodaway County 4-H Shooting Sports Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Center
 ■ Theatre: "Picnic," 7:30 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center

MONDAY

■ Karen Kunc Woodblock Prints Exhibit opens, DeLuce Gallery
 ■ Breast Cancer Support Group, noon, First Christian Church
 ■ IM table tennis singles entries close, noon
 ■ Boy Scout Troop 74 Meeting, 7 p.m., First Christian Church

FRIDAY

■ CLEP, GED and MAT tests, 7:50 a.m., Wells Hall
 ■ Theatre: "Picnic," 7:30 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
 ■ Last date to drop a trimester course
 ■ Last date to get 75 percent refund for dropped second block courses

TUESDAY

■ High School Band Invitational Concert, 6 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre
 ■ Cancer Support Group, 6 p.m., Technical School
 ■ Love & Logic Parent Workshop, 7 p.m., Media Center, Middle School

SATURDAY

■ 2001 Master Gardener Program, Extension Center
 ■ Middle School Concert Band Invitational, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre
 ■ PRAXIS Workshop for teacher education
 ■ Common Ground's Charity Dance and Drag Show, 7 p.m., Union Ballroom
 ■ Theatre: "Picnic," 7:30 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center

WEDNESDAY

■ Spring Career Day, 10:30 a.m., Bearcat Arena
 ■ Last date to get 50 percent refund for dropped second block courses

SUNDAY

■ Milk Sunday, First Christian Church
 ■ Theatre: "Picnic," 2 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
 ■ Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band Concert, 3 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre

THURSDAY

■ IM bowling, 6:30 p.m.
 ■ MOMFIT, 6:30 p.m., First Christian Church
 ■ Lenten Bible Study, 7 p.m., First Christian Church
 ■ Lab Series: "Lessons from the Clay," 7:30 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Studio Theater

It's tax time



PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Senior accounting major Heather Dunker helps a community member with his taxes Monday in Colden 3400. Assistance will be available from 6-8 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays until April 11. There is no appointment needed and no cost involved.

Candidates must be Missouri residents 55 years or older. Applicants will be judged on their contributions as an employee, new skills learned and service as a role model for other employees.

A statewide committee will judge the applications and announce winners throughout the state. Winners will be announced in April and will receive an expense-paid trip to Jefferson City, to be officially recognized, tour the state capitol building and meet with elected officials.

Current Title V and Workforce Investment Act participants are ineligible.

Applications can be mailed to: Missouri Older Worker Contest, Division of Aging, P.O. Box 1337, Jefferson City, MO, 65102-1337, or faxed to: 573-751-8493 or 573-751-8687.

Senior Science Olympiad brings in high schoolers

More than 200 high school students will compete in the Senior Science Olympiad at Northwest, sponsored by the department of chemistry and physics.

The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. Thursday at the Conference Center and the Student Union.

Students will take a 15-question multiple choice test and will be awarded scholarships, medals and plaques based on their scores.

Individuals will receive medals for first, second and third-place finishes in all four divisions of large and small schools in general and

advanced chemistry.

There will be four \$750 scholarships for first-place finishers, \$500 scholarships awarded to all second-place finishers and the top two schools will receive plaques in all divisions.

The scholarships were made available by Northwest's Office of Admissions.

Speakers present issues with smaller businesses

Speakers will present important issues affecting small and home-based businesses at the second annual Home Business Odyssey.

The Odyssey will take place at 9 a.m. March 8 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in St. Joseph.

Judy Sutton, small business owner and president of the Home Business Connection of Kansas City, Mo., will share effective approaches to marketing.

National speaker Tim Crowley will discuss enhancing customer service.

Joni Padur, director of Western Missouri Women's Business Center, will share her experiences and insights on managing stress when managing a business.

Gale Kessler, executive director of the Missouri Women's Council, will present issues facing women in business.

Exhibitors will show products and services that compliment small businesses.

For more information about the conference, contact Aline Laing, 279-1691.

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Library provides access to hardware, programs

Owens Library recently purchased an EBSCOhost subscription to PsycINFO, merged their Expanded Academic Database and now offers DVD access.

PsycINFO contains bibliographic records and abstracts of journal articles, book chapters, books, dissertations and technical report in the field of psychology and related disciplines. More than 1,500 national and international periodicals are indexed from 1887 to present. Chapter and book coverage includes worldwide English-language material published from 1987 to present. The database is also updated weekly.

The Expanded Academic data-

base now covers 1980 to present in one file. Other changes are the first search screen defaults to keyword rather than subject guide searching, an icon near a record indicates that Owens Library subscribes to that journal and the icon is also a link to the Owens Library call number and format.

A DVD player is also available on the first floor of the library in the reference area on computer No. 8.

Spring Career Day offers students job prospects

Career Services is sponsoring the 2001 Spring Career Day from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday, in the Bearcat Arena.

More than 100 companies will be in attendance to give information on internships and full-time or part-time employment.

All majors are invited to the free

event. It is recommended participants bring their resumes and wear professional dress attire.

For more information or a complete list of participating employers contact Career Services at 562-1250.

COMMUNITY

Highway patrol promotes corporal's rank to sergeant

The Missouri State Highway Patrol announced the promotion of David Merrill to the rank of sergeant.

Merrill will remain in his present assignment as a criminal investigator in the Division of Drug and Crime Control working in the Troop H area.

Merrill graduated from the Missouri State Highway Patrol Law Enforcement Academy in 1987. His

first assignment was in Troop H, Zone 2 in Maryville. In 1992, Merrill earned the rank of corporal. He transferred to the Division of Drug and Crime Control as a criminal investigator in May 1997.

Merrill was born in Springfield, Ill., and graduated from Springfield Southeast High School. In 1975, he earned an associate's of science degree in biology from Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield. Merrill also attended Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph.

Merrill and his wife, Jean, reside in Maryville with their seven children.

Contest conducted for Missouri older workers

Missouri encourages employers to enter an outstanding older worker in the 2001 Older Worker of the Year Contest.

Common Ground, Northwest's Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual student organization, formally invites you to its second annual...

Dance & Drag Show

FEATURING

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES



- ▷ Former Ms. Gay Kansas City
- ▷ Former Ms. Gay Kansas
- ▷ Former Ms. Gay Missouri
- ▷ Former Ms. Gay Nebraska
- ▷ Kansas City Entertainer of the Year
- ▷ Ms. City of Fountains 2000



- ▷ Former Ms. Gay Missouri
- ▷ Second runner-up in Ms. Gay America
- ▷ Former Ms. Gay Kansas City
- ▷ Northwest Alum



- ▷ Former Ms. Gay Kansas City



Northwest's Very Own

Saturday, March 3, 2001

Union Ballroom, 7 p.m. (drag show begins at 8 p.m.)

Cost: \$5 at the door

All proceeds go to Camp Quality Northwest Missouri

For more information, contact Shane Foust at 562-5305

Co-sponsored by NRHH and D.J. provided by RHA

A special thanks to: all of the members of Common Ground, RHA, NRHH, and all those who have helped to make this event possible.





CLINTON GETS PUBLIC SUPPORT

MY VIEW

House deck elimination questioned



TONY VITALE
DELTA CHI PRESIDENT
NORTHWEST AMBASSADOR

The issue of eliminating house decks from competition in Homecoming was voted on and passed Tuesday. There were four main arguments in getting rid of house decks: time, grades, money and importance. The motion was voted on in a fair manner, but I believe those who voted to remove house decks failed to follow through with understanding the consequences of this decision.

It is wishful thinking to believe that ridding house decks will create more free time to devote to scholastic or personal activities. Why? The idea of Homecoming supremacy will keep everyone as busy as before. Instead of freeing up the "required" 8 hours a week on house decks, which, by the way, is only 6.7% of someone's waking time if they get 7 hours of sleep, these hours instead will be devoted to improving any other area of Homecoming.

The argument of cost is also an invalid argument. Sure, on paper each organization can save around \$1,000, but do we honestly think for a minute that we, as intelligent, rational people, are going to sock this "would be spent" money away to use for some greater cause? Some of it, perhaps. But again we all have Homecoming supremacy riding on the line, and the more we spend on our float, skit, etc., the more potential we have to win. In the end, the money that will be saved will be a drop in the bucket when compared to an organization's yearly costs.

But maybe the Northwest Greek community pulls a surprise victory lap and uses the freed-up time and money wisely. Certainly that will be something to be proud of, but it would come at the cost of alienating a part of the community. Countless cars drive by those two days when house decks are setup, judged and torn down. This is not the "bad" attention Greeks are accustomed to getting ei-

ther; it's 100% positive. The community loves it and it's one of the few times in the year where everyone generally has a admirable attitude about the Greek system. I'm fully aware the town neither donates a single penny nor rolls one pomp, but the Greek community has never expected outside help to support their Homecoming operations.

Fraternities and sororities have had the option each year to abstain from doing house decks, or float, or skit. Those who are against house decks argue that not participating in house decks would hamper their chances to win supremacy. However, they fail to realize the end product of their efforts is what counts most. Being involved in every judged category of Homecoming does not guarantee victory; it only means that you are involved. In 1999 the organization that won supremacy didn't make a float (closely equivalent to house decks), which helps prove that quality is much more important than quantity.

A part of being Greek is accepting more responsibility, more hardships, and more rewards. Running from our troubles instead of addressing them is not what being Greek is about. Eliminating house decks will not solve any problems in the long haul and it will only take away from the positive aspects Greeks present to the community. Then again, it's only 6.7% of someone's time during the week that we are talking about. So if we are desperately hurting for free time, like we think we are, then it would be better off that each chapter didn't hang out so much in the first place. (A fraternity without brotherhood!) Hopefully something will be done to take corrective action to this issue.

To read this letter in its entirety, go to missourianonline.com

YOUR VIEW

How secure do you think the government is after the uncovering of a Russian spy?



"Honestly, the country I'm least concerned with is Russia. If I were to be worried about a country, it would be China. They have the largest army in the world."

Geoff Neill
Social science
secondary education
major



"It is scary to know there has been a spy in our government for 15 years. The government needs to watch people and do intensive background checks. I feel our government is secure."

Christl Fattig
Industrial psychology
major



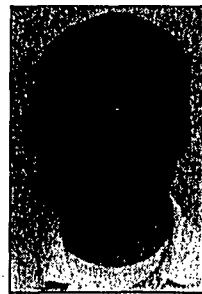
"I am sure there have been other spies that our government never knew about, and we have spies in other countries as well. I doubt any government is totally secure."

Janis Evans
education major



"I feel the government is still pretty secure, but should take more precautions to prevent things like this from happening again."

Tara Murphy
Maryville resident



"I'm not worried about the security of the government because I figure we know as much about them as they know about us."

Toby Highfill
Finance major

OUR VIEW

Drunk driving

Under proposed Missouri legislation, drunk drivers would face stiffer sentences, fines

A bill being pushed in the Missouri State Senate would lower the current mark of a .10 blood alcohol content as prosecutable to .08. Along with this needed revamping of drunken driving laws, this bill entails other beneficial implementations as well.

Each year more than 15,000 people are killed in alcohol related car accidents. That equates to one death nearly every 30 minutes. Alcohol-impaired drivers injure or disfigure more than 297,000 people yearly and one-third of those victims are children.

Currently a driver with a BAC of .08 is legal to drive and they should not be. A BAC of .10 can cause such reactions as being noisy, having mood swings, reducing reaction times and engaging in possible embarrassing behavior. At .08 there is a definite impairment in coordination and judgement. A person in this condition is not safe to be on the road.

The proposed bill would increase a first-offense BAC violation from a class C misdemeanor to a class B misdemeanor. The bill would also extend the minimum period of imprisonment or community service that must be completed by repeat alcohol offenders for eligibility for parole or probation. Prior offenders would serve a minimum of five days in jail or 30 days of community service and persistent offenders would serve a minimum of 10 days in jail or 60 days of community service.

Another perk to this bill is the creation of the Spinal Cord Injury Fund that would be administered by the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri. The fund will be supported by a variety of sources including a fee of \$5 on speeding tickets and a \$50 fee on intoxicated-related offenses.

Currently a person convicted for a driving while intoxicated or BAC violation can receive a limited driving privilege, a hardship license. In other words, if violators have a big enough sob story they can drive again and possibly endanger people's lives again. This bill would prevent such absurdity until the violator completed the first 30 days of suspension and fulfilled a needs assessment and recommended course of treatment from a substance abuse traffic offender program.

Even if this bill passes, it will not be implemented until September. That is six more months residents of Missouri are in danger of being injured or killed in an accident by an intoxicated but still legal driver.

The answer is simple: If you have been drinking, do not drive.

It's foolish for people to think they can handle a few drinks and be capable of driving. Many factors determine how alcohol affects each person. Factors include body weight, medication, fatigue, food, drinking time and alcohol content. These factors can also be different for the same person at separate drinking occasions.

Is driving drunk worth the potential consequences? Never. This bill will help get more drunken drivers off our roads. Missouri legislators should be applauded for their effort in combating drunken driving. They are doing their part to improve regulations and residents need to do their part by making the right decision to not drive intoxicated.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Apathy confirmed by student after results of poll released

Dear editor,
This is in response to the article you published on the lack of student initiative to better our campus. All I can say is, are you surprised you received such a small percentage of participation in your student activity fee poll? It has become apparent to me in my three years at Northwest that about .01% of the students care about anything involved with this campus. Using this measurement, the response rate you received on your poll is about perfect. If the matter does not directly benefit or affect in any way the students, they just don't care. It's kind of sad.

Thad Dixon
Geography major

Alumni take interest in *The Missourian's* new online site

Dear editor,
It had been a while since I last checked *The Northwest Missourian* site — and am I surprised!
Looks very good, with more news of interest to those of us who have moved on, but still have a very warm spot in our hearts for Maryville.
Hope it continues year round.

Jim Fall
Executive Director
Montana Newspaper Association

Dear editor,
I wanted to drop you a note congratulating you on a great job. Speaking from experience, I know how difficult it is to be the editor of the daily online *Missourian*. You've upgraded the product to a level I think everyone can be proud of. Keep up the good work.

Tim Wheeler
Missourian Online Editor 1998-99

CORRECTIONS

- In the Feb. 22 issue of *The Missourian*, Jay Reese's name was misspelled in the story titled "School Board announces superintendent."
- In the Feb. 22 issue of *The Missourian*, Ann Harman, *Missourian* reporter, was not credited with the story "Variety offered at new pet store."
- In the Feb. 22 issue of *The Missourian*, *Missourian* reporter Jaclyn Mauck's name was misspelled in the story "Dinner and raffle benefit foundation."
- In the Feb. 22 issue of *The Missourian*, Micah Thieszen's name was misspelled in *Armchair Quarterbacks*.

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Judge discusses substance abuse

By JIMMY MYERS
CHIEF REPORTER

Parents listened to a local judge talk about drug and alcohol abuse and its consequences at a Maryville Middle School Monday.

Glen Dietrich, Nodaway County Circuit Court Division II Judge, said he sees between 50 and 60 defendants during criminal court, half of which are appearing on alcohol and drug charges. Dietrich said the other half are mostly crimes committed under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Dietrich warned parents that when people start drinking at a young age, trouble follows them throughout life.

"Fifteen to 16-year-olds who start drinking are much more likely to become problem alcoholics," Dietrich said. "You see an increase in violent crimes, suicide rates, sexually transmitted disease and pregnancy rates."

Dietrich, who has been practicing law in Maryville for 20 years, said he has seen a shift in responsibility.

"Courts and schools are asked to perform functions that the family used to," Dietrich said.

Dietrich said the number of charges against community members and those against Northwest students were statistically even.



PHOTO BY MELISSA GALITZ/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Nodaway County Circuit Court Division II Judge Glen Dietrich speaks on the effects of drug and alcohol abuse in the lives of today's youth. Parents gathered around a Maryville Middle School table on Monday to seek advice from the perspective of someone who has seen the truth.

"There aren't any numbers that jump out at you," Dietrich said. "You see an influx of college students getting arrested at the beginning of the semester, because they are new to the area and haven't quite figured out how to get away with things. I see them in court a couple months later as those court dates come up."

Donna Dean, the seventh-grade parent representative for the school, said she was at the meeting to keep up on what was going on. Dean and other parents questioned Dietrich on the nature of penalties for driving while intoxicated and minor in possession charges.

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Crusade focuses on cancer awareness

By LAURA PEARL
CHIEF REPORTER

The Nodaway County Crusade Against Cancer is heading into the second year of its campaign to promote cancer awareness.

Team member Judy Frueh said the campaign, which will run through April 15, will focus on the early detection of colorectal cancer.

"Even if we catch a few people who test positive, we're helping in some way," Frueh said. "Some of the positives from last year are glad they caught their cancer early."

Free at-home fecal occult blood testing kits will be available through doctors, pharmacists, St. Francis Hospital and Health Services, St. Francis Family Health Care, Thimble & Thread and the Maryville Public Library during the month of March.

The goals of the 2001 crusade are

not only to promote early detection but also to increase people over the age of 50 getting tested.

About 746 people took tests home and about 47 percent returned them for evaluation during the 2000 campaign, Frueh said.

Team members Lois Lindaman and Sharon Neustadter sent about 240 letters to churches, organizations and businesses throughout Nodaway County, asking if they wanted to participate in the 2001 campaign and how.

Lindaman said volunteers came together last year and decided to focus on colorectal cancer because it is the second-leading cause of cancer death in Nodaway County and the leading cause of cancer death among nonsmokers.

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Children's Center remodeling complete, provides assistance

By NAOMEY WILFORD
COPY EDITOR

With Phase I of the remodeling plan completed, February marked the opening of the Children's Center of Northwest Missouri.

The idea for the center began in August of 1998. Bren Managh, director of the Children's Center, said she kept seeing needs in the community that were not being met, and she and several community members worked together to implement the plan for a children's

center.

Once completed, the children's center will offer family counseling and a 24-hour shelter for up to eight children at a time who are from birth to 12-year-olds and whose families are in a crisis.

"We offer respite care, care for kids with special needs or disabilities or whose parents need a break or someone to take care of their children," Managh said.

To read this story in its entirety, go to missourianonline.com.

Shortage has local effects

By NAOMEY WILFORD
COPY EDITOR

Although many hospitals in Northwest Missouri are experiencing an adult tetanus vaccine shortage, Maryville can consider itself lucky.

St. Francis Hospital started having problems obtaining the vaccine in August and by October it had become totally unavailable, said pharmacy director Nancy Lawyer. However, Lawyer said obtaining the vaccine has not been a problem in Maryville since then.

"At that time, we had to refer people to the public health center, where they put the vaccine on only emergency use," Lawyer said.

St. Francis orders the vaccine primarily through Cardinal Health System, Inc. During the shortage, Lawyer said the hospital was able to purchase them from several different "brown market" sources. However, it was more expensive because of the shortage.

Contributing to the shortage, Wyeth-Ayerst Pharmaceuticals, a large manufacturer in Pennsylvania, stopped making the tetanus vaccine.

Time was also a factor in the shortage. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the vaccine, commonly called Td, because it protects against both tetanus and diphtheria, takes 11 months to produce.

Lawyer said the shortage is no longer an issue for Maryville, but it could be in the future.

"I think the availability of the vaccine will continue to improve," Lawyer said. "In this part of our little world, we're probably pretty lucky."

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb. 20
 ■ Timothy J. Welch, 18, Maryville, was traveling south on Country Club Road. Margaret E. Wells, 79, Maryville, was pulling out of a private drive onto Country Club Road. Welch was unable to stop, striking Wells. Wells was transported to St. Francis Hospital by Nodaway County Ambulance. Welch was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving and excessive speed.

■ An officer towed a black Honda in the 900 block of West Third that was completely blocking the drive. The vehicle was towed by Boyles motors.

■ John D. Money, 68, Maryville, was traveling north on South Main. Nancy P. Cook, 63, Maryville, was traveling west on East First. Money struck Cook. Money was issued a citation for failure to yield right of way.

Feb. 21
 ■ An officer received a report of individuals creating a peace disturbance in the 1600 block of North Grand, leaving in a vehicle. The vehicle was stopped in the 1500 block of North Main. Travis J. Woodward, 19, Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession.

■ An officer received a report from a business in the 600 block of South Main that a male individual had left without paying for a case of beer. Christian P. Matthews, 19, St. Joseph, Brian L. Swope, 19, St. Joseph, and Lonnie E. Bass, 19, St. Joseph, were issued summonses for larceny.

Feb. 22
 ■ While on patrol in the 100 block of West Fourth, an officer observed a male individual place a bottle on the ground. Joseph R. Beavers, 20, Humeston, Iowa, was issued a summons for minor in possession.

■ While on patrol in the 100 block of North Main, an officer observed a vehicle with a defective tail light. The vehicle was stopped in the 300 block of West First. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Robert J. Wilson, 25, St. Joseph. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which he could not

successfully complete. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for improper right turn and open container.

■ Dean S. Ward, 88, Maryville, was parked at the stop sign at Walnut and South Avenue Brent W. Auxier, Maryville, was eastbound on South Avenue attempting to make a left turn onto South Walnut. Ward struck Auxier.

■ Brent R. Knisley, 18, Maryville, was traveling south on South Main. Linda J. Fisher, 16, Maryville, was turning onto South Main from Route V. Knisley struck Fisher. Knisley was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Jeffrey C. Talmage, 21, Maryville, Richard D. Barger, 55, Maryville, and Nicholas Dowell, 21, Maryville, were slowing to a stop at the stop light. Talmage failed to stop, striking Barger in the rear. Dowell failed to stop in traffic, striking Talmage. Talmage and Dowell were issued a citation for failure to yield to stopped vehicle.

Feb. 23
 ■ While conducting a stationary radar in the 400 block of West Fourth, an officer observed a black vehicle traveling above the posted speed limit. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Christopher G. Robbins, 18, Olathe, Kan. During a search of his vehicle, a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana was found. He was placed on a 20-hour investigative hold pending further investigation.

■ Officers conducted a random bar check in the 400 block of North Buchanan. No violations were found.

■ Officers conducted a random bar check in the 300 block of North Market. No violations were found.

■ Teresa A. Parson, 19, Maryville, was leaving a private lot in the 1300 block of North Main. Roger S. Ridge, 44, St. Joseph, was traveling north on North Main. Ridge struck Parson. Ridge was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Tiffany Lawson, Maryville, was parked in a private parking lot. A vehicle struck Lawson and then left the scene.

Feb. 24
 ■ Jennifer Campbell, 21, Maryville, was parked in a private parking lot. A vehicle struck Campbell's car and then left the scene.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that someone had taken her purse from her car while parked in the 1600 block of South Main.

■ Officers received a report of a possible fight and a loud party in the 500 block of East Third. Upon arrival, Melanie P. Baxter, 21, Maryville, and Darbi J. Valenti, 21, Maryville, were issued summonses for permitting peace disturbance.

■ While on patrol in the 500 block of East Third, an officer observed a vehicle cross the center line, stopping in the roadway. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Melanie J. Siedschlag, 19, Maryville. While speaking with her an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which she could not successfully complete. She was arrested for driving while intoxicated after her blood alcohol tested over the legal limit. She was also issued a citation for failure to drive on right half of the roadway.

Feb. 25
 ■ Maryville Department of Public Safety Fire Division provided mutual assistance to the West Nodaway Fire Protection District at a structure fire in Quitman. Assistance included a water tanker shuttle and air supply.

■ Officers received a report of illegally parked vehicles in the 600 block of East Fifth. Upon arrival, Nathan M. Woodward, 18, Maryville, Travis J. Woodward, 19, Maryville, and Ryan J. Peter, 20, Maryville, were issued summonses for minor in possession.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had broken a window in his vehicle while it was parked in the 200 block of East Fifth.

Feb. 26
 ■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had damaged a vehicle door at his business in the 300 block of East Third.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that someone had taken several items from her car while it was parked in the 500 block of East First.

Coffee break



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Sherrie McEnaney, owner, along with daughter Kourtney McEnaney, right, are cutting their way into the business world with the traditional ribbon cutting ceremony. Main Street Coffee is located at 314 N. Main St. and is open from 7 a.m. to 9p.m.

BIRTHS

Kirstin Michelle Cummins

Theresa and Douglas Cummins, Maryville, are the parents of Kirstin Michelle, born Feb. 14 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce and joins two sisters, Keysa and Kande.

Her grandparent is Virginia Slape, El Paso, Texas.

Her great-grandparents are Everett and Lenna Walden, Maryville.

Hannah Marie Leigh

Jamie Leigh, Maryville, is the parent of Hannah Marie, born Feb. 15 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and joins one brother, Ian.

Her grandparents are Debra Willis, Unionville, and Mike Meyer, Clarinda, Iowa.

Her great-grandparents are Doris Caudill, Quitman, and Virgil Caudill, Cameron.

Dakota Paul Coffman

Joanna and Todd Coffman, Guilford, are the parents of Dakota Paul, born Feb. 20 at St. Francis

Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and joins one sister, Lindsey.

His grandparents are Gerald and Patricia Kramer, Stanberry, and Paul and Janice Coffman, Conception Junction.

His great-grandparents are Wade McCrary, Stanberry, and Vera Coffman, Independence.

Kelsee Paige Scranton

Aaron Scranton and Tiffany Larson, Maryville, are the parents of Kelsee Paige, born Feb. 20 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and joins one brother, Christian, and one sister, Ireland.

Her grandparents are Ronda Leavitt, Excelsior Springs, and Rudy and Vicki Larson, Lathrop.

Her great-grandparents are Vivian Larson, Kansas City, and Service Rushton, Excelsior Springs.

Faith Elizabeth Sanders

Michael and Teresa Sanders, Burlington Junction, are the parents of Faith Elizabeth, born Feb. 21 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 9 pounds and 4 ounces and joins one brother, Blake.

Her grandparents are Judy Kelly, Maryville, and Stanley and Lorine

Sanders, Burlington Junction.

Her great-grandparents are Francis Leach, Forest City, and Mary Bowman, Burlington Junction.

Madysen Rose Stiens

Jeremy Wayne and Nicole Jeanette Stiens are the parents of Madysen Rose, born Feb. 20 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces. Her grandparents are Donald and Pamela Morrison, Beatrice, Neb., and Paul and Brenda Stiens, Maryville.

Her great-grandparents are Genivie Hall, Clearmont, Dawn Brown, Greeley, Colo., Vern and Evelyn Summa, Maryville, and Paul and Margaret Stiens, Maryville.

DEATHS

Phyllis Upton

Phyllis Upton, 80, Louisville, Neb., died Feb. 14 in Louisville.

She was born Feb. 13, 1921, to Harry and Myrtle Funk in Louisville.

She is survived by two daughters, Linda Heist and Lora Johnson; one son, Richard Upton and six grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 18 at the Louisville Nebraska Care Center.

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Academy prepares for next year's participants

By LAURA PEARL
CHIEF REPORTER

As the first class of the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics, and Computing heads into the final half of its inaugural year, a new set of students rush to fill their shoes.

With the final months of the trimester approaching, the Academy is finishing a year-long process of recruitment.

Theresa Wilson, director of recruiting and admissions at the Academy, said the Academy has been recruiting since the first of August. The Academy plans to invite 60 applicants for interviews and to enroll a class of 50 "pacesetters" in the fall of 2001.

Russ Pinizzotto, dean of the Academy, said their goal is to grow 13 percent per year and spread into other areas of the Academy's home.

Although the Academy will still be young next fall, the "pacesetters" will have the advantage of following in the "pathfinder" class's foot-

steps, Pinizzotto said.

"I think it will be easier for them," Pinizzotto said. "They will have the second-year class to turn to."

The recruitment process has included a number of steps, including mass mailings to high schools, select mailings to exceptional students, presentations and conferences across the state.

"I think a lot of people don't understand how the program's set up," Pinizzotto said. "A lot of people think of our program in the course of our academics, but these students don't give everything up just for academics. People start to feel more comfortable once they see that we've addressed these issues."

Pinizzotto said Academy representatives, including himself, presented nine Public Information Meetings as well.

The P.I.M. meetings gave students and parents a chance to learn about the Academy without having

to travel to the Northwest campus.

The Academy has played host to three Preview Days on campus that brought students and parents to Northwest to interact with Academy students, parents and staff.

Pinizzotto said recruitment is being done basically as it was for last year's class. Students must have completed algebra II and geometry classes and achieved a minimum ACT composite score of 23, with a minimum math score of 26.

Applicants must also complete five essays and submit four evaluation forms from high school instructors.

Pinizzotto said high schools are beginning to make sure they offer such courses to younger students, and students are becoming more aware of the need to complete these courses early on for the Academy.

"We're making an impact already," Pinizzotto said.

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Alex Spradling, a student at the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics, and Computing, practices guitar during his free time. Academy administrators are now recruiting students for next year's class. They are anticipating a class of 50.

Student featured on Web

By SARA SITZMAN
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

A Northwest sophomore earned a position on Ed McMahon's Next Big Star online contest with his theatrical music entry.

Music Major Pat Hedges submitted a theatrical music entry to the Web site in the fall of 1999 after reading about the contest in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

"I didn't even know I had made it into the contest," Hedges said. "My dad just decided to check one day and that happened to be the week I was on."

Hedges submitted a video of him singing the song "Empty Chairs and Empty Tables" from the musical "Les Miserables." The performance was in the fall of '99 at Moberly Area Community College. Entries are judged on originality, skill, poise, audience appeal, artistic ability and creative expression.

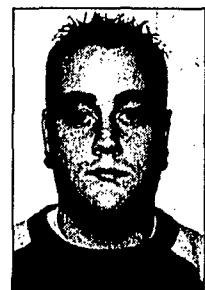
Each week six contestants in 10 categories compete. The first seven weeks of the contest were the preliminary rounds and the top four people with the most votes in each category moved on to quarterfinals. Hedges is currently in the eighth week of the quarterfinals stage.

"I was surprised to get on the site, but it was more surprising to know I won the preliminaries and got to go on," Hedges said.

The top three contestants with the most votes move on to the semifinals for week 11 and 12. The final week will be a contest between the top three vote achievers.

Contestants can be voted for by visiting the Web site www.nextbigstar.com. Winners receive \$5,000 in cash and prizes.

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Marketing group targets minority students in KC

By JIMMY MYERS
CHIEF REPORTER

Compared to other universities, Northwest has a low percentage of minorities in the student body and a Kansas City-based group has been designated to help find out why.

Tom Vansaghi, special assistant to the president, said Northwest's minority population is in the 5-6 percent range and most of it is comprised of international students.

"One of the strategic goals the University has is to diversify student population and faculty," Vansaghi said. "We start with focus groups with various segments of the minority community in Kansas City."

"V & G Marketing Associates is leading the focus group study. We don't have the expertise on campus to do the type of focus group we're looking at."

Northwest alumna Vernice Giv-

ens is the coordinator of the focus group initiative and founder of V & G Marketing Associates.

"The overall purpose of the focus groups is to obtain some information and find out what some of the interests are," Givens said. "What are some of the perceptions that relate to the Northwest area?"

Vansaghi said focus groups will consist of five areas: Minority alumni, former minority students who dropped out, current minority students, students who attend predominantly minority colleges and a group of parents, counselors, teachers and community leaders.

Givens said questions would vary from group to group and that V & G had been working diligently on compiling the focus groups and questions for them.

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Online master's degree available for elementary education majors

By CHRIS BOLINGER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Northwest is expecting an online master's degree to become available January 2002.

The degree, cooperative master's in elementary education, will be available to new teachers across the state.

"A large number of teachers leave the profession within their first three years of teaching," said Roger Von Holzen, director of the CITE office. "The goal of the program is to orient a curriculum to teachers in their first seven years of teaching. This goal is to promote teacher retention and to provide an outlet for new teachers to advance their education and apply what they have learned in the classroom."

What originated as an idea at Northwest developed into funding from the Coordinating Board for Higher Education to develop the program. Northwest, in conjunction with seven other schools across Missouri, are part of the new master's degree program.

When finished, the curriculum promises to be comparable to other programs like it. Each school will sponsor two to three classes from the curriculum. A central source will provide the services for all the classes and each school will be responsible for the credit to the students.

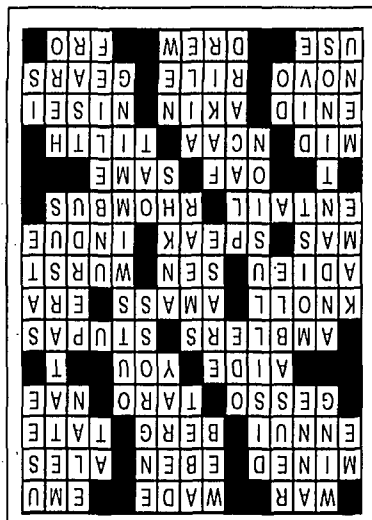
The coursework is primarily online, but other assignments could be developed for students to meet in central locations in Missouri for hands-on exams and

events.

"The curriculum was developed by meetings of the deans and department heads from each of the schools participating in the program" said Max Ruhl, dean of the college of education. "Three meetings from June of 2000 have allowed the curriculum to be established. The format for the classes are still in the planning stages."

There have been more than fifty educators from across the state who have had a part in this program. "It is exciting because this program gives us an opportunity to provide a rigorous program that is access assured," Ruhl said. "If you can get to the Internet, you can get to our classes."

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Northwest men's basketball

Men headed to final

'Cats advance to MIAA championship game against Washburn Friday

By BILL KNUST
UNIVERSITY SPORTS EDITOR

With a 79-64 victory over Pittsburg State, the No. 16-ranked Northwest men's basketball team has advanced to the MIAA tournament final for the fourth consecutive year.

The Bearcats, 24-4, will see a familiar foe in the finals, when they face Washburn University for the third time this year. The game will tip-off at 7 p.m. on Friday at Washburn.

Last week the Bearcats ended Washburn's 30-game home conference winning streak. The Bearcats also knocked Washburn off 87-77 in the MIAA semifinals last year.

Junior center Matt Rowan said the team has done a good job not looking ahead to Friday's championship game.

"As a team I don't think we looked ahead," Rowan said. "We do a good job of taking every game one at a time and not looking ahead to the championship game and what's in it."

Northwest has won six games in a row after falling into a tie for third place in the MIAA, and Rowan said the team was persistent, hoping things would turn around.

Head coach Steve Tappmeyer said he wanted to enjoy the win over Pitt State, but he knows what to expect from Washburn.

"You like to enjoy this one a little bit, but there's no doubt it is going to be very tough (to win) when you have just beaten them down there," Tappmeyer said. "There's no chance you are going to catch them on an off night."

The victory over the Gorillas mirrored Monday's victory over Central Missouri State University in many ways. The game was tight for the first

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eight minutes.

The Bearcats blew it open though, using an 18-0 run over the next five minutes to stake a 31-15 lead.

Tappmeyer said the Bearcats caught some breaks, and he knew every basket would be important during the run.

"It was a confidence thing for our guys," Tappmeyer said. "Our guys got that feel-good. They got in a flow and the chemistry was good in that stretch. Even when we had that run you knew every point we got was going to be precious."

The run helped Northwest on its way to shooting 63 percent in the first half, including a blistering 83 percent from behind the arc.

Five players scored in double figures for the Bearcats and Rowan, sophomore Scott Fleming and freshman Kelvin Parker led the way for the 'Cats with 12 points each.

Rowan scored 8 of his 12 points in the second half, and grabbed a team leading eight rebounds along the way.

"There wasn't really any adjustments at half time, the guards just did a good job getting me the ball in the second half," Rowan said.

The center from Liberty said the team was looking forward to playing the Gorillas again.

"It wasn't really a revenge game," Rowan said. "We lost down their last time though, and we were fired up."

Parker's 12 points and four steals were a big part of the victory for the Bearcats Tappmeyer said. He also said it was key for Parker to play so well in a tough conference like the MIAA.

"Right now we aren't where we at with Kelvin Parker," Tappmeyer said. "He is just getting better all the time. He is a fearless player. He isn't afraid to go in and take big shots and make big plays. He is a tough guy."

"We are fortunate because when you recruit a freshman like that you never know how long it's going to take them to pick things up, and I think he has stepped in there and is playing his best ball of the year right now."

With 14:20 to go in the second half, the Gorillas pulled with in 15 points before the Bearcats ended any hopes of a comeback. Rowan's lay up completed a 10-0 run to increase the lead to 66-41.

With two big runs Tappmeyer said the Bearcats ability to cause turnovers was a key. They caused 23 but committed 20 themselves.

"We don't keep a points off turnovers stat, but it would be interesting to see how many points we did score off turnovers," Tappmeyer said.

Junior Jerry Hudson continued his hot shooting streak for the Bearcats. Hudson scored nine points in the first half on 4-7 shooting, including a trey.

With 24 wins the Bearcats have racked up their most wins since 1984.

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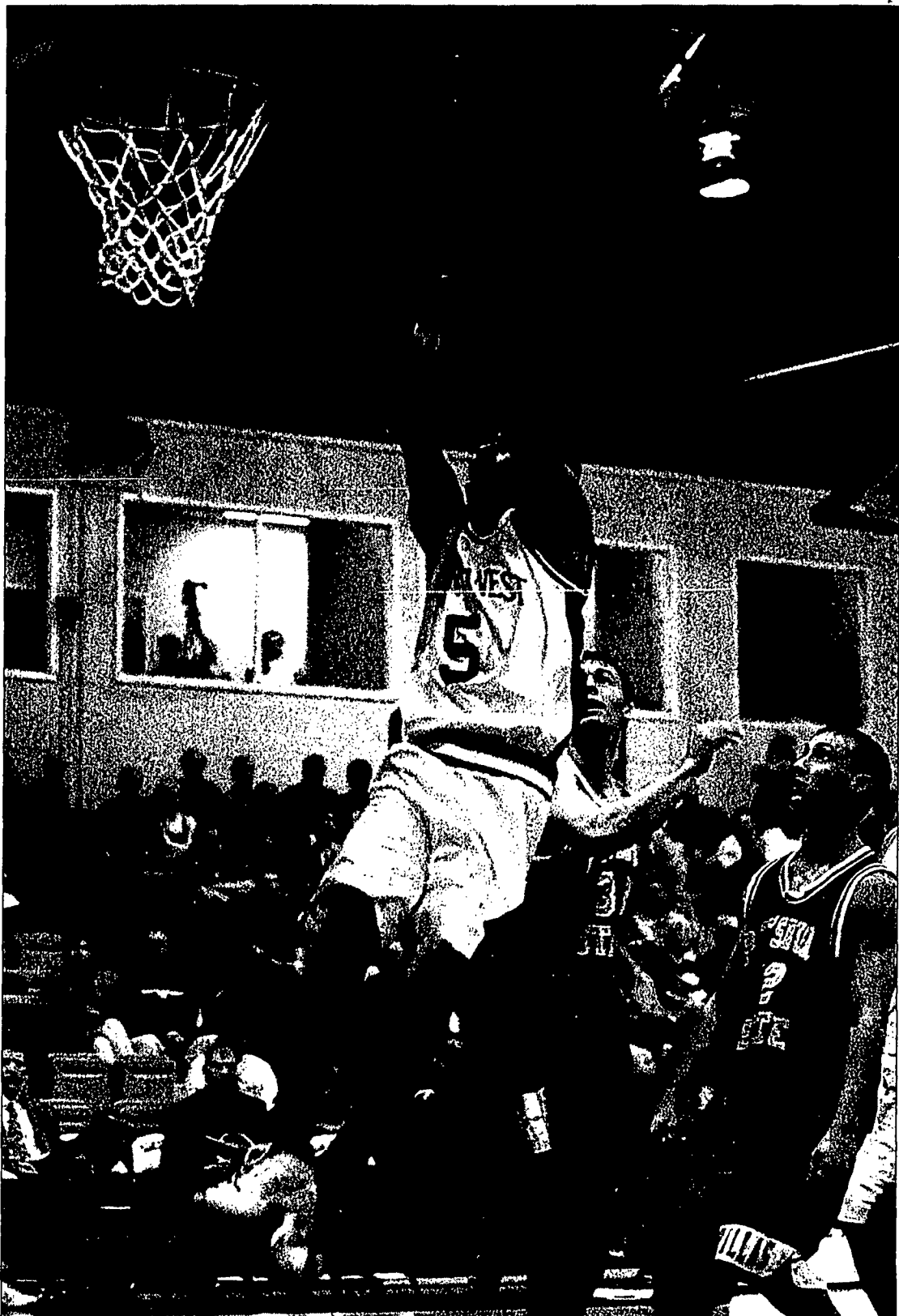


PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Freshman guard Kelvin Parker beats the defenders to the basket and lays in two of his 12 points Wednesday night in the Bearcats 79-64 thumping. Parker also had four steals and one assist in 22 minutes. The 'Cats will travel to Topeka Friday and face-off against the Washburn Ichabods, with tip-off at 7 p.m.

2001 MIAA tournament bracket

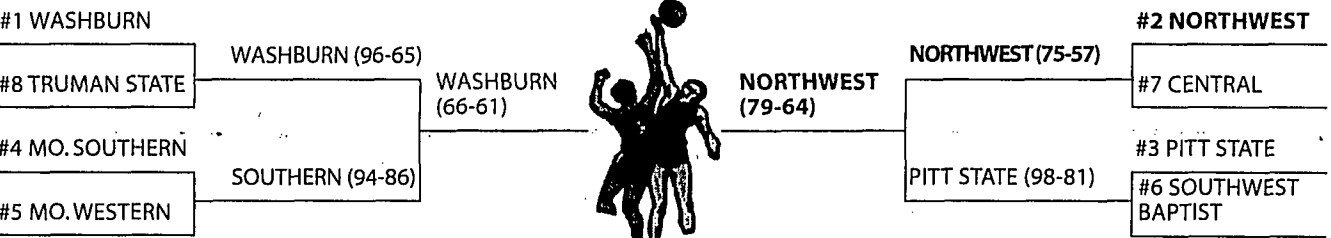


PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
Forward Tanner Blackford looks to pass to a teammate while being surrounded by Pirate defenders in last Thursday's district semi final against Platte County. Blackford finished the game with eight points and was 4-4 from the charity stripe.

Maryville boys' basketball

Hornets end 'Hounds' season with 53-50 win

By BRENT C. WAGNER
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

The Maryville boys basketball team fell just a few plays short of the dream Wednesday night.

The Spoofhounds lost in a 3A sectional championship showdown at St. Joe's Civic Auditorium 53-50.

The two teams exchanged baskets early in the first period before Maryville took a 10-8 lead after senior post Erin Goudge rebounded his own missed shot and went up strong for two points.

After leading 25-19 at the half Maryville took control again in the second half with steals and strong post moves.

But Chillicothe stole the lead, 51-48, with 31 seconds left in the game.

Then senior guard Cody Burch drove coast-to-coast to the rack to pull Maryville within two points, 52-50.

Chillicothe hit the second of two foul shots to take a 53-50 lead. Maryville again turned the ball over, but Chillicothe was called for traveling to give Maryville one last hope.

Morrison inbounded the ball with 1.6 seconds left to junior guard Joey Wilmes whose three-pointer at the buzzer came up short.

Maryville ended the season the way they have had success most of the season, with a balanced team attack. Burch led with 11 points while Akins and Goudge each had 10 points in their final high school basketball game.

"Hounds coach Mike Kuwitzky said it was a close game, which made it "all the harder to take".

"It was a really hard-fought game," Kuwitzky said. "It was an excellent game. We were just a few plays away from winning it."

The 'Hounds' (18-9) earned the sectional championship birth Saturday winning the District 16 championship game beating Cameron 54-52.

Maryville did not quit with its bid to avenge an early season loss to the Dragons trailing 29-13 midway through the second quarter.

Burch made a pair of free throws with eight seconds to beat Cameron.

Winning the district title was a dream come true, Burch said.

"That was great for us to be down and be able to come back and take the win from them at their home place," Burch said. "It was a great feeling that had been our goal to win all along."

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Northwest women's basketball

Southwest conquers women in overtime

By BRENT C. WAGNER
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The Northwest women's basketball team came up short in overtime 74-67 against No. 2-seeded Southwest Baptist University Tuesday.

Northwest, the No. 7 seed, closed the season at 12-15 while Southwest Baptist improved to 21-6.

Northwest head coach Gene Steinmeyer said his team was not satisfied with just making the tournament for the first time in two years and looked to catch the Lady Bearcats off-guard.

"The first round of the tournament is the most dangerous," Steinmeyer said. "The low seeds, like we were, know there is no tomorrow."

Northwest was unable to contain the Lady Bearcats tandem of junior forwards Erin Easterly and Carrie Long who burned Northwest for 26 points and 19 rebounds and 25 and 14 rebounds, respectively.

Northwest trailed 28-12 with little time remaining in the first half but had a 10-5 run to end the half.

Northwest switched to a zone defense in the second half hoping to shut down Southwest Baptist's offensive threats.

"Our man-to-man defense for the last half of the season hasn't been very good," Steinmeyer said. "We felt we could keep them off guard with the zone defense."

Northwest picked away at Southwest Baptist's 11-point halftime lead before taking their first lead of the game 58-57 with 58 seconds remaining in regulation when junior guard Amanda Winter connected on a jumper.

Winter hit the first of two shots from the free throw line with 34 seconds remaining to extend the lead to 58-57. But the Lady Bearcats were sent to the charity stripe twice in the final 13 seconds, sending the game into overtime.

The overtime period belonged to Southwest Baptist as they connected

on 9-of-12 free throws while holding Northwest to 3-of-8 shooting from the field and 1-of-6 from the line to help on for the 74-67 win.

Northwest shot 27-of-69 from the field for the game but connected on just 11-of-22 from the line. Southwest Baptist went to the line and hit 29-of-39 attempts for the game.

Steinmeyer said the Bearcats had their chances in the loss.

"All we had to do was convert," Steinmeyer said. "It wasn't for a lack of effort. We had some people we couldn't keep off the floor, because we had some kids in foul trouble."

Southwest Baptist was the better team tonight. We had our chances and just came up one free throw short."

Junior guard Kristin Anderson helped lead the team with 15 points and 18 rebounds before fouling out during regulation.

"Kristin has really played some great basketball in the second half of the season," Steinmeyer said. "After only having three rebounds Saturday her 18 tonight were huge."

Northwest had a balanced attack as junior guard Jerica Miller had 16 points, Winter 14 points and freshman center Jenna Wolfe 11 points.

The victorious Lady Bearcats were impressed with the game their foes brought to the floor.

"My hat is off to Northwest," Middleton said. "I can't say enough about coach Steinmeyer and his players, and what they're doing."

Northwest traveled to Missouri Southern State College Saturday and were unable to pull off a repeat win falling to the Lions 83-72.

Winter led Northwest in scoring for the ninth time this season, finishing with 23 points. Wolfe scored her first career double-double pulling down 10 rebounds and scoring 10 points.

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Intramural sports

Staying involved, good pay perks for referees

By SCOTT NIELSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

How would you like a job where your goal is to go unnoticed the entire time? Well, that is exactly the goal of the 28 student officials currently working throughout the intramural basketball season.

As the intramural basketball season comes to a close this week some of these officials will be able to hang up their whistles for the rest of the year, while others will shift their focus to volleyball.

According to graduate assistant James Hazen there is not a certain major that is best for this occupation although physical education and recreation majors probably have the most to gain from the experience.

"If recreation majors end up running a facility they are going to have to deal with officials in running their programs," Hazen said. "A lot of physical education majors go into coaching, and one of the things the department

stresses is that if you are going to coach a sport you should have some experience officiating."

Basketball officials work anywhere from two to six games a week depending on how flexible their schedules are. Each game lasts between 30 to 45 minutes, with officials getting paid \$6.00 per game. These are a couple of the reasons that current officials recommend the job to their peers.

"It doesn't take up too much

time, it's good spending money, and if you have a good knowledge of basketball, it's worth trying," sophomore official B.J. Davis said.

There will be meetings for all students interested in officiating volleyball this semester at 4:30 p.m. March 13 and March 14 in Lamkin Activity Center 133. It is open to all students and work-study is not required for the job.

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Northwest baseball



FILE PHOTO

Senior outfielder Adam Bailey strides toward the ball hoping to make contact during a Bearcat baseball game last season. Bailey is 4-for-7 this season with six RBI, and three home runs. The 'Cats will play in the Savannah Invitational Thursday through Sunday.

Bearcats to Georgia for Savannah Invite

By BILL KNUST
UNIVERSITY SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest baseball team was excited to get outside and play its first two games last weekend. The problem was they dropped both games to Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

The Bearcats, 0-2 overall, are not sulking with five games on tap this weekend.

Northwest will participate in the Savannah Invitational, March 1-4. The Bearcats' first game will get underway at 10 a.m. Thursday against Queens College (N.Y.) at Savannah.

Head coach Darin Loe said the team is ready to head to warmer territory.

"We are looking forward to the warm weather," Loe said. "We need to get our confidence back from last weekend. I thought we showed some signs of good things to come."

The Bearcats' next five games will be against Armstrong Atlantic (Ga.) at 1 p.m. Thursday, Wayne State (Neb.) at 10 a.m. Friday, South Dakota State at 10 a.m. Saturday, Armstrong Atlantic at 1 p.m. Saturday and they will finish with Wayne State at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Senior All-American Adam Bailey started his season in style hitting three home runs in two games. Bailey hit one home run in a 23-13 loss to the Cougars the first game, and hit two more in the second game of the doubleheader.

Bailey finished the weekend with four hits and six RBI. He has a slugging percentage of 2.000.

The home runs were little benefit, as the Bearcats fell 8-5. The game was called after five innings due to darkness.

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Maryville girls' basketball

'Hounds' season ends at districts

By ASHLEE ERWIN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

It is March sadness for the Maryville girls' basketball team.

The 'Hounds' play-off run came to a halt Feb. 21 with a 65-43 district semifinal loss to Savannah.

Maryville ended the season with a 17-9 record, and while junior center Erin Lohafar said her team could have gone further she is still proud of its accomplishments.

"We proved to people that we are better than they thought we'd be," Lohafar said.

Maryville hoped to top Savannah in their third and final attempt after losing two close games to them in the regular season. The top-seeded Savages rose to the challenge, taking control of the game early by hitting three three-pointers in the first quarter to establish an 11-5 lead.

"We just weren't working together," Lohafar said. "We weren't pumped."

Two more three-pointers by Savannah in the second quarter put Maryville down 26-14 at halftime. Although the loss ended the high school careers of seniors Lade,

Jessie Cooper and Ashley Lager, Cooper said she'll remember this season as a bright spot in her career.

"I think that we made a lot of big strides from last year," Cooper said. As for next year, the 'Hounds' will return 8 of 11 varsity players with younger talent looking to help in another winning season.

"We'll be tough, because we have a lot of younger girls that can step up," Lohafar said. "If we work together and do everything right, we'll have a good chance."

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Northwest track

Tracksters claim second and fourth place at MIAA Conference Championship meet

By JUSTIN BUSH
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

After a strong showing at the MIAA conference meet in Warrensburg the Northwest men's track team came away with a second-place finish and the women finished fourth last weekend.

The men's team finished the meet with three individual titles and a team title in the two-mile relay.

"We were in a position to win," men's coach Richard Alsup said. "CMS scored in every event and we scored in almost every event. They are just really strong in the middle distance."

distance."

On the men's side, senior Matt Abele racked up points for the Bearcats, finishing first in the 200-meter dash in 21.79 seconds. Along with a third place in the long jump with a leap of 23-feet, 2-inches. Abele finished fifth in the 400-meter with a time of 49.72.

For the women, junior April House finished with a pair of golden performances, winning both the 55-meter dash in 7.31 and in the 200 in 25.69.

"It was kinda exciting," House said. "I wasn't expecting it."

Other conference champions for

the 'Cats included senior Tommy Leslie in the pole vault, clearing a height of 16-feet. Senior Tucker Woolsey won the shot put with a toss of 55-feet, 5 3/4-inches while his brother freshman Conrad finished in second place with a throw of 54-feet, 7 1/2-inches.

For the women, senior Diana Hughes won the long jump with a jump of 17-feet, 4 1/4-inches, while senior Jill Eppenbaugh claimed a victory in the weight throw with a toss of 48-feet, 8-1/4 inches.

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Northwest softball

'Cats start with two wins at Central Arkansas

By SCOTT NIELSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Northwest softball team could not escape rainy elements, but the Bearcats won their final two games in the Central Arkansas Spring Clash Friday and Saturday.

The 'Cats will take their 2-1 record to Irving, Texas for the Schutt Sports Lead Off Classic Thursday through Sunday.

Junior pitcher Alison Adkins

threw seven strong innings after giving up a first inning homer to help lead the Bearcats to a 5-2 victory over Southeastern Oklahoma State.

The offensive attack was led by freshmen shortstop Melissa Nimmo, who went 1-3 with an RBI and a run scored, and senior first baseman Nichole Strawn, who hit the first Bearcat home run of the season.

The Bearcats earned their first victory of the season with a 3-0 shutout of Delta State University.

Freshman pitcher Morgan McGinnis scattered nine hits through seven innings, while going 2-for-3 at the plate with a run scored. The 'Cats knocked out 10 singles in the contest and ended up stranding eight runners on base.

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ARMCHAIR QUARTERBACKS

What do you think has been this year's greatest sports moment?



"Although the death of Dale Earnhardt is not a moment we all want to remember, it was one of the most talked about events of the year and shocked several people."
Tyler Ingram
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"When that little white ball came down and rolled around the edge of the cup before winning Tiger Woods another championship. I never found too much excitement in golf. Now I watch it!"
Carol Ferrens
MARYVILLE RESIDENT



"I think Eric Crouch, from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, pulled off another amazing year to take them to a win at the bowl game."
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ON THE SIDELINES

Editor changes attitude on golf



MARK HORNICKEL
EDITOR IN CHIEF

So I'm taking a golf class this trimester. Shocked? My friends and family are. Yep. The guy who has always declared golf is not a sport, the one who scoffs at the people who slap down big bucks to spend a day walking on carpet-like grass in rain or 90-degree heat, the one who wonders why people enjoy following an egg-sized ball as it soars through the sky and turns into the size of a peanut is finally learning to play golf. I've been sucked in. I tried to play it off as long as I could, knowing that sooner or later the madness would get to me too. I'm really not sure where my animosity for the sport, I mean activity, stems from. I've always been the one who can't wait to step up and swing the baseball bat, not the golf club.

Perhaps it started early on in my life. My younger brother, Joel, and I had inherited a set of antique golf clubs. Having no idea of their value, we hauled them to the rugged high school field across the street and spent an afternoon hitting plastic golf balls.

At 6 years old, Joel was always already showing signs of the graceful golfer he would become. Meanwhile, I became more frustrated with every swing. If I wasn't chopping grass like a lawnmower, I sent the ball bouncing along the ground like a stone skipping on water. I pretty much swore off golf that day and took off with my baseball career.

When high school rolled around the pressure became more intense. Tiger Woods was fast becoming an American icon, and my buddy Tad entered the picture.

Tad didn't just play on the varsity team, he lived and breathed golf. Put him and Joel together and the conversation would drive me nuts.

As the years went by, Tiger and PGA Tournaments began to dominate our family's television, pushing Harry Caray and the Chicago Cubs aside on Sunday afternoons. And I was left out of conversations with my uncles and cousins about lazy days on the greens.

But somehow my view of the sport began to change and I got lost in the talk and excitement of Tiger at the Masters. By the time I entered college I was asking Tad and Joel to teach me the game and began attending the tournaments they played in.

And last summer I stood in wonder when Joel pulled out a bucket of golf balls, dumped them along the side of our Wisconsin home and shot balls off one by one, only to hear them clank off pine trees deep in the forest behind our house.

Eight months later, here I am at Northwest, taking a golf class. My adventure in golfing took off Tuesday with a video titled "Spirit of the Game."

I gotta give the Northwest Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance kudos for purchasing such a video. This wasn't your typical 20-year-old video with people in bell-bottoms and crazy-colored clothes telling you how golf should be played.

Nope, the modern-day video not only taught me more rules about golf course etiquette and respect to other players than I ever thought existed, but guys like future hall of fame quarterback John Elway and legendary basketball player Bill Russell gave lessons about golf. Even former president George Bush appeared.

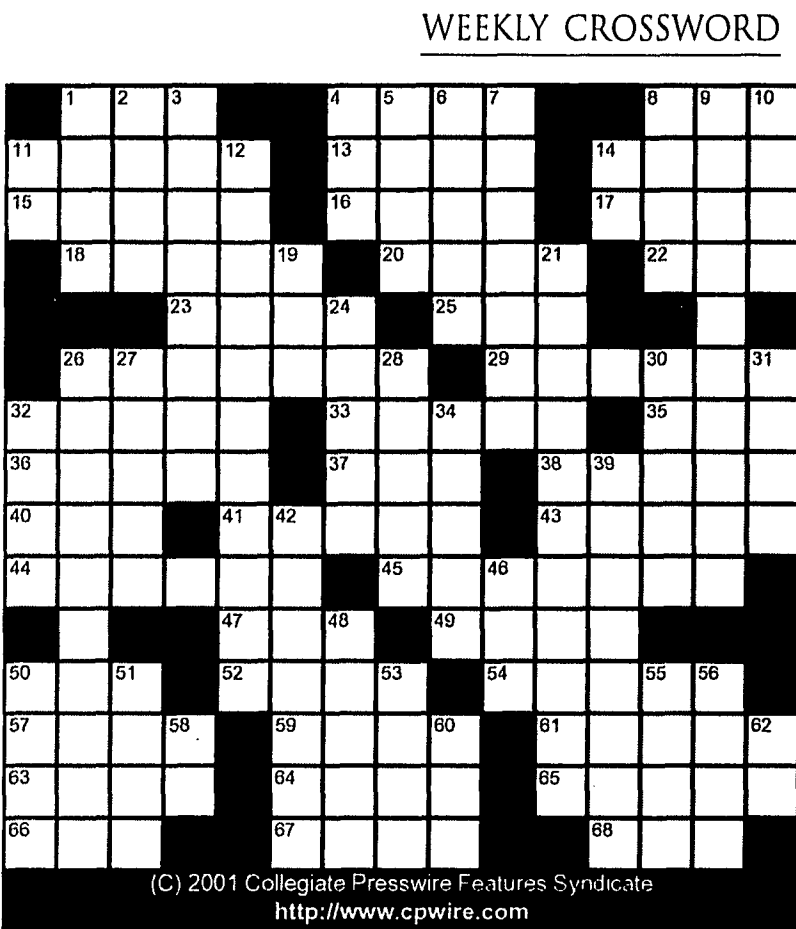
So I'm thinking if these guys share such an enjoyment for the sport, I need to figure it out for myself. Watch out Mzingo, here I come.

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FAN PLAN

Home games

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest Men's basketball			M I A A Championship TBA, 7 p.m.				
Northwest Indoor Track							
Northwest Baseball							
Northwest Soft ball							
Northwest Tennis		at Kearney, Neb., 3 p.m. (M & W)	Drury University 1 p.m. (W)		Winona State 3 p.m. (M&W)	at Overland Park, Kan. 3 p.m. (M)	
Maryville Boys' Basketball			State quarter final at CMSU 6:30 p.m.				



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37. Brunei coin
38. Sausage
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44. Predetermined succession order
45. Equilateral parallelogram
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SPORTS IN SHORT

Alsop named MIAA men's track coach of the year

Northwest head men's track coach Richard Alsop was named MIAA men's indoor track and field coach of the year Tuesday.

Alsop was voted Coach of the Year by his peers for leading his team from a sixth place finish indoors last season to runner-up finish this year behind Central Missouri State University.

Big 12 Basketball Tournaments coming to Kansas City

The 2001 Phillips 66 Big 12 Men's basketball tournament will begin at noon March 8 with four first-round games. The championship game will take place at 2 p.m. March 11 and will be televised on ESPN. All games are sold out and will take place at Kemper Arena.

The women's side of the tournament will take place Tuesday through March 11 at Municipal Auditorium. The championship game will be played at Sat. March, 10. For

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Phi Mu to have 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Phi Mu will be having its annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament March 10 at the Northwest Student Recreation Center. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

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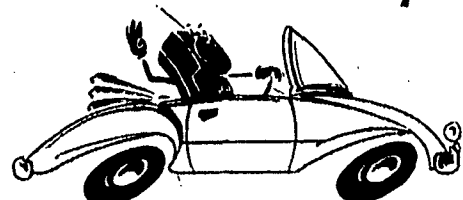
Jerry Hudson

Hudson, a junior forward, is the reigning MIAA men's basketball Player of the Week. Hudson has averaged 19 points his last three games. He had a game high 19 points in the Bearcats' first round victory over Central Missouri State University.



Cody Burch

Burch, a 6-foot 3-inch senior guard averages 10 points, four assists and three rebounds a game. He scored four points in the 'Hounds' 54-52 win over Cameron in the district championship on Saturday. Burch hit a pair of game winning free throws with eight seconds left in the game.



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Wanderer changes his tune

Your Man has one question for the campus and community masses these days.

What is a "Stroller?"

In dark print at the bottom of this column, you're likely to find a blurb about how this column has been a Northwest tradition since 1918 (followed by the disclaimer, which make the things Your Man says his own — not *The Missourian's*).

Too often lately, this mysterious campus wanderer has considered his sacred spot on the posterior portion of the sports page as a forum for slamming other campus groups — broadcasters, for example.

One more question: Why would Joe Normal, an alumnus of this institution who picks up *The Missourian* every week during his Friday lunch break, want to read about an irrelevant, undeclared and completely fictional civil war in Wells Hall?

Your Man has a new take on this "strolling" business. Let's start with a good look at the name Your Man. Notice right away the first word is "Your," and its purpose is to remind the reader that the column has one purpose only — to give you something to think about.

The "Man" portion is obvious, right? The fact that the Stroller is always depicted as a man makes



THE STROLLER

him or her gender neutral — it keeps the kids guessing.

So, there you go. Your Man does his job for the reader — nobody else.

Like a deer on a country road at midnight, the Stroller has seen the light. Let's hit it (not the deer).

Talk around the 'Ville has included pretty much all things Grammy for the past week.

The show itself was no real surprise, with the Eminem/Elton John collaboration proving uneventful and Madonna demonstrating the immensity to which one's head can grow before reaching critical mass.

A sacred cow of Top 40 culture, it's easy to see why so many people jump to the shallow multimillionaire's defense.

After all, the first lady of unimaginative pop has done so much for each of us, right? She invented

the phrase "Material Girl" (with a professional songwriting crew), and the world has become such a better place, hasn't it?

But Madonna, insecure about being in her early 40s, would never try to connect herself with a fresh young lass like Britney Spears, would she? Surely not! That would be worse than Eddie Murphy claiming he sees a little bit of himself in Chris Rock.

Enough with the woes of Madonna's geriatric shortcomings; let's go on to something happier.

The musical grade cards have been passed out at the Grammy's, and Your Man is looking forward to a whole new year of meaningless pop drivel, all courtesy of the Jive Records label.

Paint the wanderer hot pink and call me rad — Your Man feels like he's 11 again!

Thanks to the mystical power of TRL, however, there doesn't seem to be much hope of ever getting out of junior high school.

Staying away from Britney and the "boys," your favorite anonymous wanderer will be back next week.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

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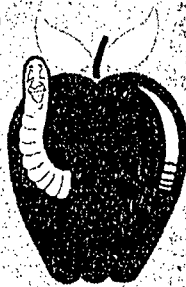
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- Advice from city officials about what to look for when renting a house or apartment
- Tips on how to design a room that will promote healthier relaxation
- What you should look for when choosing a sleeping mattress
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City officials advise renters to take precautions

By LAURA PEARL
CHIEF REPORTER

Renting a first house or apartment is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, a ritual of independence.

However, the experience could turn into a nightmare. Maryville faces the challenge of providing housing for college students who want to live off-campus, and this inevitably puts a number of old and run-down houses into the pool of available rentals.

Matt Chesnut, assistant city manager and director of public works, said college students often fail to look carefully at properties before agreeing to rent.

"I think a lot of times college students have blinders on when they go into their first property," Chesnut said.

Jim Wiederholt, city code enforcement officer, said students will look for a house that appears to be a good party place or has an attractive element, such as a large deck or porch. They end up getting a place run-down or unsafe.

Wiederholt recommends that renters think beyond the dream of having a place of their own and apply some basic common sense when they go through the renting process.

"Maybe they could think of the fact, 'would my mom or dad want me living here?'" Wiederholt said. "Maybe that would be a good reminder of whether they should rent the place or not."

Renters should set aside adequate time to look at houses and settle lease specifications.

"Don't give yourself one day or one

half of a day," Wiederholt said. "Give yourself plenty of time to go around and look at different houses."

Chesnut said students should also talk to neighbors and previous tenants about the landlord and should thoroughly inspect the property.

"It's not always just paint and carpet that make something nice," Chesnut said. "There's a lot of other things that are involved."

Students should bring an experienced renter, such as a parent or guardian with them, and they should inspect the general condition of the house.

He advised looking for dirt, mildew, signs of rodents or problems with the general cleanliness or repair of a place. Students should also look for signs of electrical problems, such as missing covers on light switches or outlets, wires sticking out of walls and ceilings and flickering lights, Wiederholt said.

Students should talk to the landlord before signing a lease to find out who will be responsible for utilities, lawn-mowing, snow removal and trash pickup, and settle any repair issues with the house.

"If repairs are to be made, that would be done before the student moves in," Wiederholt said. "If they can't be done before the student moves in, then they ought to have it in writing from the landlord when the repairs will be made, and the student ought to keep a copy of that."

Wiederholt said students should ask what the average price of a utility bill will be, so they know what to expect when-



PHOTO BY MELISSA GALITZ/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Drifting throughout Maryville to find the perfect residence proves to be a long and tedious process for Maureen Schmielau, Jamie Schmielau and Leah Boswell. "Finding the right place is difficult, but in the long run the extra research and running will pay off," Jamie said.

ever heavy heating and cooling seasons arrive.

Students should also ask about the number of people who can live in a residence, Chesnut said. Zoning laws regulate the number of unrelated people who can occupy residences in various zones.

For instance, an R4 zone allows up to four unrelated people to live together in a single residence.

"I don't think people knowingly vio-

late zoning laws," Chesnut said. "It's more they don't understand. I think that's the key with a lot of our zoning issues."

Landlords are the first to be contacted when zones are violated, Chesnut said. Tenants can be made to move as a result of a violation, however.

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Home design can foster healthier downtime

(IHIT)-Plopping down in front of the television can be relaxing, but experts agree that getting the most out of "downtime" requires activities that rejuvenate. When planning for relaxation, it's important to select activities that you enjoy, particularly those that enable you to forget the day by focusing on one thing — like gardening or reading. It's also important to design living spaces that promote relaxation and calm, says the lifestyle experts at Patio Enclosures, Inc., a company that designs sunrooms for homes across the nation.

Creating spaces in your home that facilitate relaxing activities such as meditating, yoga, gardening and wood-working provide an environment for being alone with ourselves in quiet and reflection, a valuable activity. According to Judith Handelsman, author of *Spiritual Gardening*, quiet time with ourselves can be described as dormant — a period of time that, like plants and animals, is set aside for healing and growth.

"Dormancy in plants is just the other side of growth," says Handelsman. It's required for re-growth and rejuvenation. But, we need an environment void of stress and noise to achieve these restoration benefits.

Increasing numbers of Americans seem to be getting the message about downtime.

"A subtle transformation is taking place in our culture from a casual lifestyle to a spiritual lifestyle," reports the National Housewares Manufacturers Association. "While Americans still thoroughly embrace the casual living trend, many are combining that lifestyle with their own desire to express their inner feelings throughout the home."

Glass enclosed rooms are playing a large role in this trend toward nurturing

the spirit, says Rick Jones, president of Patio Enclosures, Inc, North America's largest sunroom manufacturer and installation company. "Homeowners are using sunrooms to create in-home havens with hot tubs, rock gardens, fountains, indoor gardens and candles. In fact, relaxation is a major reason homeowners add sunrooms to their homes," Jones said.

Sunrooms are ideal for creating a sanctuary to achieve "quiet time" within the home. These glass-enclosed room additions appear to be separate from the rest of the house, while still being physically connected. The view to the outdoors fosters reflection and connection to the earth.

"My new glass room has become my 'me-time' room; it has enhanced our entire lifestyle. The openness to nature makes it feel as if time slows down inside. The room inspires me at all times of day and in all seasons," says Vicki Venditti, a Patio Enclosures, Inc. customer in Philadelphia, Pa.

To create a space in your home for relaxation and rejuvenation, sunrooms can be added or created by enclosing an existing porch or deck with full-length rolling glass doors and windows. Sunrooms are not only a great investment in self, they are also a great investment in your home.

Custom rooms, designed to fit the size and architecture of the home, contribute greatly to its value, recouping up to 70 percent of the investment.

However, Jones adds, rarely does the homeowner concern themselves with the return on investment because a sunroom is for enjoyment in the present time.

For a free sunroom guide, call 1-800-480-1966 or visit www.patioenclosuresinc.com.



Take vacations in your backyard

Turn your deck into the perfect outdoor retreat

(IHIT)-People take vacations to escape the day-to-day activities of their everyday lives.

But, many are starting to realize that they don't need to own a second home or travel to an exotic location to enjoy a vacation. They are discovering the perfect get-away in their own backyards—the deck.

According to a 1999 study that surveyed contractors, 54 percent agree that relaxing is a primary reason for adding a deck. Pat Coughlin, Product Manager for The Flood Company, makers of deck cleaners and stains for more than 150 years, illustrates how a deck can be turned into the ideal vacation spot.

A private camp ground. What are the essentials of camping? Stars, campfires and s'mores. The stars are already there, and a s'more is just a campfire away. By building a fire pit into the deck, any lazy weekend can turn into a camping trip.

If a pit fire doesn't seem appealing, purchase a chiminea. Chimineas are a nice alternative for a portable campfire.

Accessories are not the only way to establish the mood of the perfect vacation. The color of a deck can provide the

ambiance as well.

"A gray or white deck may convey a sophisticated or nautical feel while a red, brown or green may provide a feeling of outdoor adventure," says Coughlin. "If you want a rustic look to your deck, stain it with a semi-transparent stain in a 'natural' color so the wood grain can show through."

The Flood Company manufactures semi-transparent and solid stains to achieve the look you desire. Stains will last for years so vacation time won't be spent keeping the deck in shape.

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Backyard pampering. While sleeping under the stars is a favorite of some, it's not preferred by all. Some vacationers want some rest and relaxation, doing as little as possible while on their furlough. Relaxing on the deck with lounge chairs, a pitcher of iced tea and a good read provides the perfect substitute for Club Med.

"The secret to creating a calming effect on a deck is in the colors used to stain it," says Coughlin. "If you feel more

comfortable with warm tones, such as reds and browns, be sure to stain your deck with those colors. If you prefer softer hues, stain your deck in pastels or whites."

Keep color preferences top-of-mind when selecting outdoor furniture for a pampering retreat. Various fabrics and materials are available for outdoor furniture today and will help set the mood of any deck.

The place to party. To some people, a vacation isn't a vacation unless it's spent dining and socializing with friends. Deck owners are beginning to realize the potential their decks have as the weekend hot spot and are using gas grills and bar sets to create it.

Choosing a bright or unique deck stain color can add to the festivity of an outdoor vacation. Shades of yellow, red, green and blue can add a creative, fun flair. Lights and outdoor speakers add the finishing touches to the perfect deck soiree.

Installing lights in the step risers is a safety addition, and it also gives the deck dimension during the evening. Outdoor speakers will pump up the volume as well as the party atmosphere.

For more information on decks and how to treat them, call The Flood Company, 1-800-321-3444, or visit their web site at www.floodco.com.

Improve home's cooling efficiency

Step 1: Tighten your home's thermal envelope. This is a technical term for everything that separates the inside from the outside: roof, windows, walls, doors, and floors over crawl spaces. You can save money by stopping or slowing down air leaks and drafts here. Adequate insulation and effective caulking and weather-stripping are essential.

Step 2: Choose high-efficiency electric appliances. When buying new appliances, or replacing old ones, it pays to buy the most efficient equipment you can afford, especially for home cooling, heating, and water heating.

Step 3: Take control of your energy use. Even simple things like turning off lights when they're not needed can save energy. A programmable thermostat is another smart way to control the temperature in your home.

Step 4: Use your energy company as a resource. They can give you free information and advice about getting more value from your electricity bill. Check out their Web site to see what they have to offer.

Local home services take-off on World Wide Web

ServiceMagic.com provides solution for seeking professionals

(IHIT)-Anyone who has tried to find a local home service professional such as a roofer, plumber or landscaper recently has quickly realized that it's not necessarily as easy as it used to be.

According to the latest American Housing Survey, almost 80 percent of American homes are more than 18 years old, which translates into a growing demand for qualified service professionals for remodeling, maintenance and repair projects.

Given this increased consumer demand, some service professionals don't even have time to return calls to prospective customers. Many are booked weeks or even months in advance and don't want to waste valuable time on calls that never result in winning a job, further frustrating consumers anxious for professional help with home improvement, maintenance and repair projects.

But savvy consumers are increasingly turning to the Web for local home services and information on home-related projects. That means time-pressed, cost-conscious home-owners, renters and property managers no longer have to spend days, weeks or months trying to find a reliable and qualified service professional.

One company at the apex of the trend

toward Web-based local home services is ServiceMagic.com. While other home improvement Web sites are limited in scope, ServiceMagic.com addresses more than 485 common home services, making it perhaps the most comprehensive site of its type on the Web.

With its proprietary technology, ServiceMagic.com matches consumers' requests for services with its extensive network of local home professionals. To use the free service, consumers simply visit the ServiceMagic Web site (www.servicemagic.com) and complete a service request form, answering a series of job-specific questions.

After processing the request, ServiceMagic provides the consumer with up to three prescreened, interested service professionals by the next business day. Consumers also can view contact information, past performance ratings, reviews from neighbors and, possibly, an estimate on the proposed job and a link to each professional's Web site.

"Finding the right service professional can be a time-consuming and stressful process for many people," says Rodney Rice, co-CEO and co-founder of ServiceMagic.

"ServiceMagic.com simplifies the process, saving both consumers and service professionals time and money by matching the right professional to the right consumer every time."

According to Rice, ServiceMagic is successful because the request process helps consumers understand and clearly define their needs and only matches consumers with service professionals

who are interested in meeting those needs.

"In today's tight labor market, service professionals are increasingly selective about the types of projects they accept," he said. "We take the guesswork out of the process because consumers know the professional we recommend is qualified and eager to fulfill the request."

Although ServiceMagic.com takes much of the guesswork out of hiring local service professionals, consumers still should take the time to adequately prepare before moving ahead on a large home improvement project, according to Rice. ServiceMagic offers consumers an extensive and reliable online resource center that includes tips, guides and expert advice on hundreds of home improvement topics.

Because ServiceMagic provides consumers with detailed project information, consumers are better able to make an informed decision before hiring one of the ServiceMagic-recommended service professionals.

Consumers can be confident that ServiceMagic's member professionals are qualified, says Rice. To participate in ServiceMagic's network, service professionals must meet quality standards, hold required licenses and pass legal background checks. Consumers who use a ServiceMagic-referred service professional also have the opportunity to rate that professional after the job has been completed, providing valuable information to the next potential consumer.

Once ServiceMagic's members have garnered a minimum of three excellent



consumer ratings for completed work, they are "certified" by ServiceMagic, adding another level of confidence for its customers.

Service professionals interested in joining the ServiceMagic network can visit the Web site at www.servicemagic.com or call 1-800-670-0082.

Given the wealth of information and resources available on the Web, consumers no longer have to dread the home services selection process.

As the Web continues to revolutionize the way we conduct our professional and personal business, companies like ServiceMagic.com will continue to expand the scope of services and resources available in cyberspace.

Indoor grill makes indoor barbecue matter of taste

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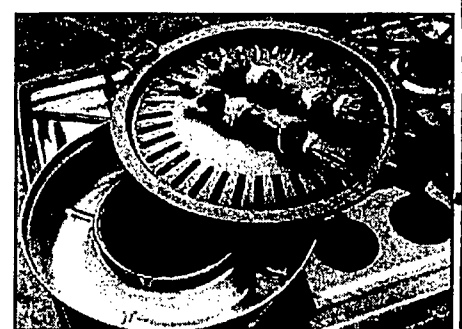
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Screen, window replacement tops home improvements

(IHIT)—One of the fastest-growing segments of home improvement projects is the replacement of windows, doors and screens. Homeowners now know there are two major reasons to replace screens and windows. The first is the increased, efficient thermal protection — windows that keep more heat in the home in the winter and the virtual elimination of cool air loss in summer.

This is accomplished by new thermal, insulating window glazing and other technological advancements introduced by the window industry. The screen industry has taken major forward steps in developing new screens that significantly reduce sun-generated heat from entering homes, products you will find at retailers called "solar screens." Solar screens actually are available in vinyl-coated fiberglass and aluminum louvered products. Other new screen products available for the remodeling market include mesh that significantly increases the amount of air and light that comes through the screen opening.

The second reason for replacing your screens is an aesthetic one. New screens enhance exterior beauty of your home and provide homeowners with increased views from the inside out. Newly designed screen frames now come in colors to match the exterior of most homes.

"Replacing screens is usually done at the same time windows are replaced," says Frank S. Fitzgerald, Executive Vice President of Screen Manufacturers Association. "But the recent trend is to begin by just replacing the screens, an option that immediately results in a whole new



exterior and interior appearance and more important, better views, increased heat loss control."

Fitzgerald said one of the main reasons consumers give for replacing their screens is the new convenience provided by today's screens. The abundance of new designs makes it possible to have screens in place when needed and out-of-the-way when they are not.

"Now the age-old task of putting screens in place every spring and taking them down in the fall is falling by the wayside," he added. "Removable screens are giving way to self-storing screens, and homeowners are opting for that convenience in rapidly increasing numbers."

Screen manufacturers have solved the problem of providing homeowners who want screens for French, outward opening, sliding and double doors. Screens for these door designs disappear when not in use, giving homeowners complete open views when insect protection is not required.

Fitzgerald said one of the main reasons screen replacement has grown in

popularity is the wide array of screens now available in the market. In addition to traditional screens, homeowners can choose alarm screens, protection and security screens and stainless steel woven screens. In geographic areas where tiny insects are in abundance, retailers offer "no-see-'em" screens, whose fine mesh weave keeps pesky mini-insects out.

Because of the screen industry's continuing new product development and improvement, replacing residential screens on existing homes has become one of the industry's fastest growing market segments.

The Screen Manufacturers Association's Consumer Service Division can help homeowners in the selection of the right screen for specific needs. For a copy of "A Guide to the Right Window Covering," write to Frank S. Fitzgerald, Screen Manufacturers Association, 2850 S. Ocean Blvd., Palm Beach FL 33480-6205.

Further information on screen products can be obtained by visiting SMA's Web site at www.screenmfgassociation.org.

Sealing leaks among tips for saving, using energy

(IHIT)—Using energy wisely can reduce consumption and save money on utility bills, according to the American Gas Association.

Here are some tips:

1. Seal leaks around doors, windows and other openings, such as pipes or ducts — with caulking or weather-stripping.

2. Set thermostats between 65 and 70 degrees in the winter, at least 5 degrees lower when sleeping, and at 58 degrees when away from home for more than a few hours. (Warmer temperatures are recommended for homes with ill or elderly persons or infants.)

3. Set water heater temperatures at 140 degrees (at 120 degrees in homes with infants or elderly persons to guard against accidental scalding), and install water-flow restrictors in showerheads and faucets.

4. Change filters or clean the filters in heating and cooling units twice a year. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. If pipes or ducts run through unheated areas, insulate them.

5. Use drapes, shutters, awnings, shade trees, glass with reflective film or solar screens to keep sunlight out in the summer and let it in during the winter.

6. Check to see if attic and basement (or crawl space) have the recommended level of insulation.

7. If you have a woodburning fireplace, consider installing a natural gas fireplace insert, which can save on energy costs compared with wood. A gas fireplace also will dramatically reduce the air pollution created from burning wood.

8. Consider storm or thermal windows and doors or double paned glass. A less-expensive alternative is plastic sheeting, which can be temporarily fastened over doors and windows to retain heat or air conditioning.

9. Be sure that dishwashers, washing machines and clothes dryers are fully loaded before running.

10. When buying new appliances, compare energy efficiency ratings and annual operating costs. A slightly higher initial cost for a high-efficiency appliance could pay itself back in a very short time through energy savings and lower utility bills.

Many natural gas utilities offer assistance and special programs designed to help consumers reduce their energy bills. Contact your local gas utility for more information.

Make sure farm's wiring is up to code

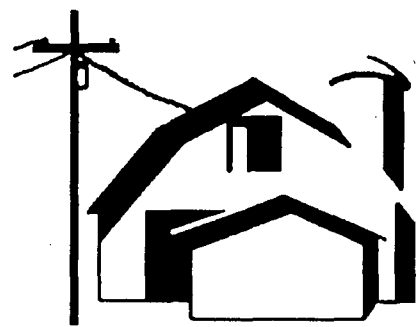
(IHIT)—If you live on a farm or ranch, chances are you rely heavily on electricity to keep the operation running smoothly.

From the lighting in barns, to feed-handling or milking equipment, to the motors turning ventilation fans, grain dryers or irrigation pumps, electricity gets the job done.

Have you ever considered the condition of your electrical wiring system? An outdated and worn out wiring system can be a ticking time bomb just waiting to fail. The result can be a fire or other catastrophic loss, or even an electrocution of animals or farm workers. Your electrical system requires just as much attention as other machinery on the farmstead.

Exposure to moisture, dust, and manure gases causes electrical switches, receptacles, and panel boxes that may be adequate in the home, to be unsafe in most farm buildings. Even good wiring tends to deteriorate over time under the hostile farm environment, so spend some time on maintenance.

An annual review of the farmstead electrical system will indicate whether simple corrections are needed, or



whether portions of the system are on the verge of failure. The first step is to confirm the system complies with National Electrical Code (NEC) requirements. The latest NEC requires that ground-fault circuit-interrupters (GFCI) can be used in more locations on the farmstead. GFCI's are sensitive devices that help protect people from lethal shocks.

Check for loose connections, missing covers on electrical panels, overloaded circuits, brittle wiring, rodent damage and broken ground rod connections. The following checklist can be used to

evaluate electrical systems, and determine whether corrections are needed.

- Was the system installed by a licensed electrician?
- Is the electrical equipment dry and free of corrosion?
- Are conductors, fuses and circuit breakers of the proper size and approved?
- Do motor circuits have correctly sized fuses or circuit breakers rated for farm duty?
- Is there only one electrical service entrance for each building and is it located in a clean, dry area?
- Are electrical cables, protective conduit, switches and outlet boxes all surface mounted rather than enclosed in the walls?
- Do ventilation fan and motor circuits have disconnects located within sight of the motor?

More detailed information about electrical systems on farmsteads is available in the "Agricultural Wiring Handbook." To order, contact the National Food and Energy Council, 601 Business Loop 70 West, Suite 216D, Columbia, MO 65203, or call 1-573-875-7155. Additional information is available at www.nfec.org.

Convert closets to extra rooms

(IHIT)-Maybe you think you have to do some major renovating - or even move, to get that home office, workshop or laundry room you've always wanted.

But with the Full Access Folding Door Hardware Kit from Johnson Hardware, that dream room can be found right in your own closet. This unique, easy-to-install kit allows you to fold closet doors back completely out of the opening, freeing up every inch of usable closet space. Suddenly, a spare room appears.

Applicable for remodeling or new construction, Johnson's Kit enables folding doors to fold back 180 degrees and lie flat against the adjoining walls. Get the full access of a swinging door with the space-savings of folding doors.

Home organization experts suggest that you store out-of-season clothes under your bed in rolling drawers. Use clothes organizers in your other closets and then free up the remaining closets to create the room space you've needed.

You'll find this kit a practical solution for converting closets into office space, wet bars, toy rooms or hideaway workbenches. It can also be used on utility rooms, pantries, wardrobes, anywhere you need more room at the doorway.

The patented jamb hinges require no mortising. They simply attach with screws as do the control arm and panel-connecting hinges. A screwdriver and tape measure are the only tools you'll need for installation. An experienced handyman can mount the hardware and



Within every closet, a world of possibilities awaits. All it takes is Johnson's Full Access Folding Door Hardware Kit, a screwdriver and a tape measure. The rest is up to your imagination.

install the doors in about 10 minutes.

Johnson's Kit comes with a lifetime guarantee. Each kit contains control arm assembly, hinges and all the necessary mounting hardware. The kit can also be used with standard mortise-type butt hinges to match other interior doors.

For ideas on how to convert the hidden room in your closets, write to: Full Closet Access Ideas, L. E. Johnson Products, Inc., 2100 Sterling Avenue, Elkhart, Indiana 46516 or call 1-800-837-5664 or visit our web site at <http://www.johnsonhardware.com>

Firmer isn't always better: an update on mattress technology

(IHIT)-A generation ago, it was thought a firmer mattress was better.

People with bad backs were known to seek relief by sleeping on the floor, but today's technology has changed this bit of conventional wisdom for the better.

Studies conducted on sleep habits show tired bodies still need support while sleeping, but a little cushioning doesn't hurt either. To get the best night's sleep possible, a combination of support and cushioning is the most desirable.

To establish the right balance of support and cushioning, mattress manufacturers like Sealy, Inc. research, develop and test new products. Specially shaped springs and stronger materials have been added to product lines as mattress technology continues to evolve. These new elements make up the inner part of a mattress, which provides the support. New materials like latex foam and polyester blends provide the cushioning on the outer layers of a mattress.

Many mattresses today are available in "pillow top" models, with an extra layer of cushioning attached on both sides of the mattress. Still others provide the right amount of support and cushioning within the unit, such as the Sealy Posturepedic Crown Jewel, featuring the Dual Support System. This sleep system is the first to provide two types of support at once: the deep-down correct support a body needs and cushioning support that flexes and adjusts to your body's movements while you sleep.

Mattresses need proper support. A foundation or boxspring works in conjunction with a mattress to provide added support and durability. The MicroTek foundation from Sealy uses a polymer composite material, making it 10 times as strong.

Its low profile version stands at half the height, so it is perfect for use with today's luxurious padded mattresses. Since introducing the first Sealy Posturepedic 50 years ago, Sealy has been on the cutting edge of mattress technology.

Another development is the Royal Trilogy from luxury mattress maker Stearns & Foster. The Royal Trilogy is a three-piece sleep set, featuring a top comfort mattress made of foam; a foam-encased innerspring mattress in the center; and a reduced-height foundation.

"The result is a mattress with a unique, distinctive feel. It offers the comfort of a foam mattress without compromising the support of a traditional innerspring mattress," says Jim Ross, Director of Marketing for Stearns & Foster.

Thanks to advances in mattress technology, look for a mattress that provides a combination of support and cushioning that feels the most comfortable.

For the latest in mattress technology from Sealy Posturepedic and Stearns & Foster, log on to www.sealy.com or www.stearnsandfoster.com or call 1-800-95-SEALY (1-800-957-3259).

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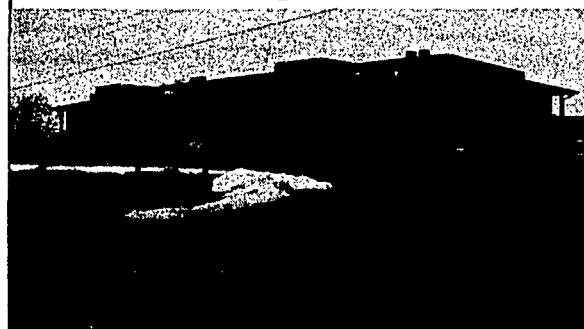


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Know what to look for during garage door shopping

Freedom garage door provides durability

(IHIT)-Your garage door is typically the largest moving part in your home.

It makes sense to choose one that will beautify your house and help you avoid a lot of the maintenance traditionally associated with a garage door. If this sounds good to you, then consider GADCO Freedom® garage doors.

Freedom® 9001 Series high-density polyethylene garage doors represent today's most advanced concept in garage door technology.

High-density polyethylene, a material used in truck bed liners and heavy-duty garbage cans, is superior to vinyl because it lasts longer.

As a result, Freedom garage doors are able to offer the striking aesthetics of high quality wood, while at the same time delivering greater durability than steel.

The attractive, high-density polyethylene panels of Freedom garage doors never rust, delaminate, dent or warp, and the rigid, all-aluminum framework is designed for corrosion-free operation and added strength.

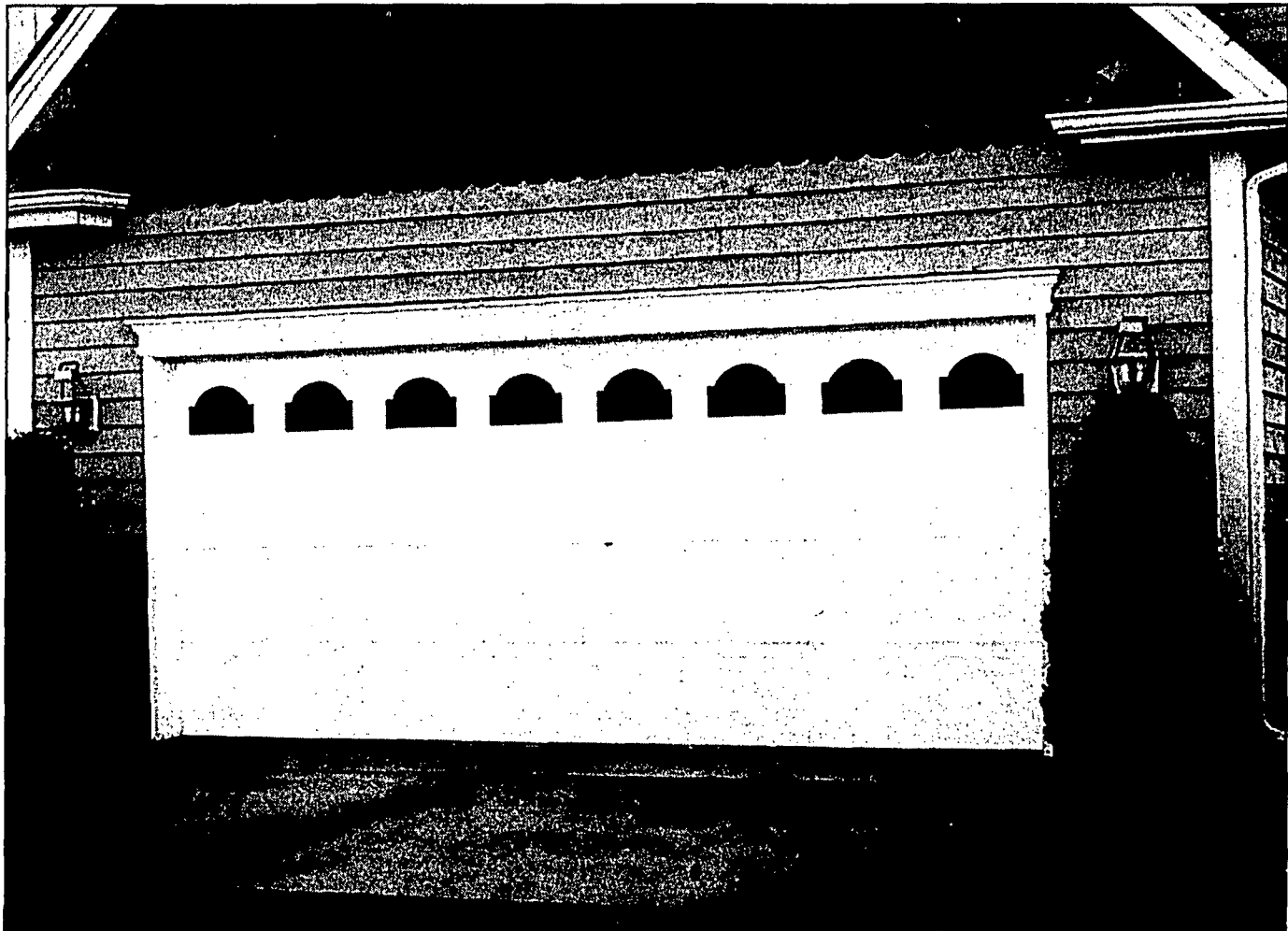
The impact and abrasion resistance of the panels further adds to durability. Doors retain a "showroom-new" look while beautifully withstanding day-to-day use.

Moreover, Freedom garage doors never need painting. That means years of independence from one of the most time-consuming and monotonous of all maintenance chores.

No wonder Freedom garage doors are among the most popular choices for homeowners in coastal regions, where the elements can wreak havoc on a home's exterior.

Freedom garage doors form a thermal barrier to keep winter cold and summer heat outside. Inside each polyethylene panel, there's energy-saving expanded polystyrene insulation, which is CFC free so it's environmentally-friendly.

To provide an extra line of defense against drafts, dust and insects, there are sturdy vinyl weather seals between the door sections and panels.



For the beauty of wood and greater durability than steel, look into the GADCO Freedom 9001 Series high-density polyethylene garage door. It's virtually maintenance-free, saves energy and comes with a lifetime limited warranty.

For additional weather protection where the door meets the floor, there's a U-shaped vinyl bottom weather seal, factory installed for a secure fit.

Available in white or brown to complement most home exteriors, the Freedom garage doors feature a classic wood grain appearance.

The intrinsic beauty of Freedom garage doors can be enhanced by incorporating GADCO's design-crafted windows.

A full range of windows is available,

providing your garage door with even greater visual appeal, while simultaneously permitting light transmission into the garage.

Freedom garage doors are equipped with heavy-duty hardware to insure smooth operation and minimal maintenance. For extra strength, special optional windloading packages are available.

Freedom garage doors are so durable that the panel sections are covered by a lifetime limited warranty and the com-

ponents offer a 3-year limited warranty. Available in door widths from 8-feet through 18-feet and door heights of 6-feet, 6-inches; 7-feet, 7-feet, 6-inches and 8-feet.

For a helpful guide on "Things You Should Know Before Purchasing a Garage Door" and information on the GADCO Freedom, write to: General American Door Company (GADCO), Dept. F99, 5050 Baseline Road, Montgomery, IL 60538. You may also call 1-630-859-3000 or visit the Web site at www.gadco.com

Residents should beware of homeowner repair scams

(IHIT)-The newest segment of the home services industry is handyman services.

Mr. Handyman, sister company to Molly Maid, the nation's largest residential cleaning service, taps into the time-starved, two income family market, and the large elderly population. The newest franchise offered by Service Brands International is catering to the 100 million U.S. homeowners and commercial customers needing property maintenance and repairs. Jobs such as replacing broken screens, hanging ceiling fans and changing furnace filters have been seen on many a "to do" list.

Greg Longe, president of Ann Arbor, Mich.-based Service Brands International, parent company to both concepts says, "What people like even more than the service, is the satisfaction guarantee behind it. Unfortunately, the 'fix-it' industry has been under scrutiny. There

are those who have used it as an opportunity to take advantage of the unsuspecting home owner, elderly or otherwise."

To make sure you are not a victim, Longe recommends you use a handyman service and offers advice on how to employ one.

Find the right handyman

There are many handyman services that run ads in the classifieds. By referring to the Yellow Pages, you will see businesses with a bigger investment into the success of the business. Ask for references so you can speak to previous customers and ask the customer if they would hire the service again.

The right person

Ask about the backgrounds of the people employed by your handyman service. Do they hire trades people with a broad

background in home projects?

Practice makes perfect

Find out how long the handyman service has been in business. A long established company has a track record, which will make them more experienced and professional. This helps you receive prompt, quality service with fewer hassles.

Insure yourself

Verify that the service is complying with the appropriate insurance regulations, such as worker's compensation. You want to make sure that if an accident occurs, you are not held responsible. Be sure to choose a service with bonded, insured, employees. Ask for references.

A taxing experience

A legitimate handyman service takes care of social security and other payroll taxes for their employees. An important

point for you, since by law you must pay social security taxes on any household employee.

Product probing

Ask questions about the products that will be used to fix your home. Find out about warranty availability. Ask if they guarantee their own work so you can ensure the job will be done to your standards and satisfaction.

Timeliness and flexibility

A service with a fleet of service vans will be able to take care of your home more quickly. Ask how many vans they have on the road. Find out how they schedule their jobs. Are they by appointments? Or do they offer on-call status to allow quicker turn-around on small jobs?

For more information on Mr. Handyman, call 1-800-289-4600 or visit the company's Web site at www.mrhandyman.com.

Spring is best time for home improvements

(IHIT)-With warmer temperatures come cleaning and spruce up projects for the weekends. To get your home ready for the new season to come from both the inside and outside, consider using the following home improvement and energy saving tips checklist compiled by the CertainTeed Home Institute.

Inside Your Home

■ Check your insulation levels. Have the correct levels of insulation in your attic, crawlspace, and basement. If not, add

more.

■ Visit home center stores. Buy low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators and compact fluorescent lights to save energy.

■ Clean or replace air-conditioner filters.

■ Check the age and condition of your appliances. You may want to replace older ones with more energy-efficient models.

■ Add an insulating blanket to your water heater.

■ Install a clock thermostat to set your thermostat back automatically at night.

Know when to repair driveway, add value to home by replacing

Doing job correctly, effectively is important

(IHIT)-Andy and Doug Hoiland forged the partnership of a lifetime in 1987, when both brothers were attending college, and noticed what a shoddy job a seal coater had just done on their parents' driveway.

"When the job was done, we were not impressed," recalls 38-year-old Andy Hoiland now. "Cracks hadn't been filled, oil spots were bleeding through, and footprints from the sealer were on the grass and concrete sidewalk."

"We hadn't even realized there was a business out there for doing this kind of service," remembers Doug, who now is 36 years old. "When we saw this inadequate job at our parents' home, we realized maybe there was a business in doing seal coating the right way."

Today, Jet-Black International Inc. based in Burnsville, Minn. has been refurbishing and seal coating driveways for 14 years.

"Many people don't realize how seal coating can protect and maintain their driveways, and the overall appearance and value of the home," says both Hoiland brothers.

During these years, they have been able to accumulate the following guidelines for homeowners on the topic.

When it needs to be done: Most homes typically require seal coating of asphalt driveways every couple of years, though for purely cosmetic purposes some homeowners like to have it done annually. The need for seal coating

doesn't imply any sort of quality problem with the original driveway.

Sun naturally delivers a beating to asphalt: oxidizing it, shrinking it and decomposing it.

Oil spills and other chemicals discolor and fade it; car-care polymers that provide sheen to tires, for example, often stain blacktop.

For more information on Jet-Black call 1-888-538-2525 or visit the Web site at www.jet-black.com.



Outside Your Home

■ Rake leaves. To clean up your flower beds and lawn areas, rake up any excess leaves or debris from the winter.

■ Plant trees and shrubs. Strategically planted landscaping in your yard can help reduce energy costs. Deciduous trees with lots of leaves are best planted in front of sunny windows, as they will keep sunlight out of your living area.

■ In addition, hardy low-lying evergreens and shrubs planted close to the foundation of a house slow cooled air

from escaping during the summer.

■ Powerwash and/or paint the deck.

■ Clean the patio furniture and the grill.

■ Tighten the bolts and wash and/or repaint the swingset.

■ Check exterior fixtures and replace outdoor spot, flood, porch bulbs.

■ Touch-up the paint on doors and other exterior areas of the home.

For more information, contact the CertainTeed Home Institute for a list of free brochures by calling 1-800-782-8777 or visit our Web site at www.certainteed.com.

Carbon monoxide detector standards tightened

(IHIT)-An increasing number of false alarms triggered by household carbon monoxide detectors have imposed significant burdens on emergency response personnel in recent years.

In 90 percent of the carbon monoxide calls reported to utilities and fire departments in 1995 and 1996, no carbon monoxide or levels too low to affect the average person were found, according to the American Gas Association (AGA) and the Gas Research Institute.

In response, a respected laboratory that certifies natural gas appliances has tightened its standards for testing and certifying new carbon monoxide detectors.

New IAS-certified carbon monoxide

(CO) alarms will not sound if the level of CO detected is only at a "nuisance" level, which can be caused by a car starting up in an attached garage or by elevated outdoor levels of CO. In addition, instructions will clearly tell consumers who hear an alarm to evacuate the premises and call an emergency response unit.

These improvements should raise confidence in reliability of carbon monoxide alarms and prevent human and economic resources from being wasted on false alarms, testing facilities believe.

An annual inspection of heating equipment and venting by a qualified technician is recommended, AGA says, with installation of a CO alarm as an additional safeguard.

Renters should seek advice, be careful

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Chesnut and Wiederholt recommend looking over the lease carefully, keeping a copy of it and reviewing it with parents, advisers and an attorney.

Wiederholt said students should take some extra precautions such as taking pictures or videos of the residence before they move in and getting phone numbers of people to contact if the landlord cannot be reached.

Chesnut said if problems arise with a rental property, students should first contact their landlord. If this fails, they can send a letter by certified mail. The third and final step is to contact the city for a health and safety inspection.

While Chesnut said these steps are effective, he said communication between tenant and landlord can solve most problems.

He also said tenants have a responsibility to keep a property clean and to follow lease specifications.

"As long as both the tenant and the landlord understand these rights, that really can go toward easing problems and maybe coming towards a solution to where it makes it easier to live with the property or to get stuff done," Chesnut said.

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